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HISTORY NEWS

1982 Annual Meeting

The eightieth meeting of the Florida Historical Society will be held in Fort Lauderdale, on May 6-8, 1982. Betty D. Smith, 119 Epsala Road, Sanford, Florida 32771; Ada Coates Williams, 333 South Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, Florida 33450; and Dr. Jane Dysart, Faculty of History, University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida 32504, are program chairs. They invite anyone interested in reading a paper to correspond with them immediately. The theme of the meeting will be women and the history of their activities in Florida. Dan Hobby of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society will be in charge of local arrangements. Local and area historical societies and preservation groups will serve as host organizations. The Florida Historical Confederation will hold a workshop in conjunction with the annual meeting. The Bahia Mar Hotel will be the convention hotel.

Awards

Dr. Thomas Graham, Flagler College, St. Augustine, received the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for 1980-1981 for his article, "Charles H. Jones: Florida's Gilded Age Editor-Politician." It appeared in the July 1980 issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The prize is given annually for the best article appearing in the *Quarterly*, and is presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society. The judges for this year's award were Dr. David Colburn, University of Florida; Robert L. Hall, Tallahassee; and Paul Camp, Florida Historical Society, Tampa. The prize was made possible by an endowment established by Mrs. Arthur W. Thompson of Gainesville.

Land Into Water-Water Into Land, A History of Water Management in Florida, published by the University Presses of Florida, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, was selected as the best book published in 1980 on a Florida subject. Its author, Dr. Nelson M. Blake of Deerfield Beach, Florida, received the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award. The judges were Dr. Paul S. George, Miami; John W. Griffin, St. Augustine; and Dr.

Julia F. Smith, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia. The award memorializes Professor Patrick, editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and secretary of the Florida Historical Society.

The Charlton W. Tebeau Junior Book Award for 1980 was presented to Ben East, Holly, Michigan, for his book *Danger In The Air*, published by Crestwood House. The award honors Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau, emeritus professor, University of Miami, editor of *Tequesta*, and former president of the Florida Historical Society. It is given annually to the author of the best book for young readers on a Florida subject. The judges were Georgine J. Mickler, Chuluota, Florida; Linda K. Williams, Historical Association of Southern Florida, Miami; and Pat Wickman, Florida State Museum, Gainesville.

Wentworth Foundation Grant

A check for \$1,000 was received by the Florida Historical Society from William M. Goza, former president of the Society, on behalf of the Wentworth Foundation, Inc., at the annual meeting of the Society in St. Petersburg. These annual gifts from the Foundation are designated for the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The Foundation has provided grants to many Florida historical, anthropological, and cultural organizations, the Florida State Museum, and the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida. It supports the project of calendaring the Spanish documents and manuscripts in the P. K. Yonge Library, and has provided scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students at a number of Florida colleges and universities.

Announcements and Activities

The Department of History, University of Florida, announces additional course offerings and an enrichment of its program in public history. The department currently offers within its master's degree a specialization in the field, and a minor in public history is available to doctoral students. The program has been expanded to include courses in historic preservation, historical archeology, historical editing and editorial management, and public administration. These courses will be added to a field of offerings which

includes courses in museum management and oral history. The department has also added a practicum in public history, in cooperation with Historic St. Augustine, the Florida State Museum (located on the University campus), and the Florida Center for the Study of Folklife at White Springs, Florida. Interested students are requested to write Dr. A. M. Burns III, Department of History, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611, for further information.

Federally-funded historic preservation grants have been awarded in recent weeks to L'Unione Italiana, Inc., of Tampa for repair and restoration of the "Italian Union" in the Ybor City historic district; to the East Hillsborough Historical Society, Plant City, to repair and rehabilitate areas of Plant City High School; for the protection of an Indian mound in Putnam County; to continue restoration of Old St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville; and to the University of Tampa for the renovation of Plant Park.

Marian B. Godown, Prudy Taylor Board, and Anna Rogers Pack of Fort Myers have compiled a self-guided tour of the historic area of Fort Myers. The pamphlet, *Yesterday & Today* includes a map and sketches of the buildings. The thirty-eight structures on the tour include commercial and public properties, schools, and a number of private residences. Some of the buildings, including the Murphy-Burroughs Home and the Heitman Building, date to the nineteenth century. The Indian Fort Building is likely even more ancient. The pamphlet was illustrated by Eleanor Brooks Mobely.

The Tampa Historical Society and the Ybor City Rotary Club unveiled a plaque at ceremonies on June 13, 1981, at the corner of Platt and Tampa streets. It commemorates the life of Captain Joseph Fry, first native son of Tampa, who was born in 1826.

The Historical Society of Palm Beach County has acquired the Paul Hutchens Boca Raton Collection which includes oral history interviews with early pioneers, pictures, documents, and materials relating to Addison Mizner's Boca Raton activities. The Mizner material is being added to the Society's large collection of Mizner's architectural drawings and papers.

The Jacksonville Beaches Area Historical Society dedicated the Florida East Coast House at Pablo Historic Park on April 5. Congressman Charles E. Bennett was the speaker. The house has been restored to its original condition and is furnished in the period. The Florida East Coast House was originally listed on FEC records as Number 93, and was the first manufactured or pre-fabricated house in the area. The house is located near the Mayport Depot also at Pablo Historic Park. Jean Haden McCormick, BAHS founder and president, was named 1981 Citizen of the Year by the Jacksonville Beach Chamber of Commerce for her leadership in the establishment of Pablo Historic Park.

The Peace River Valley Historical Society held its annual Florida History Award banquet on May 3, in Wauchula, Florida. It recognized and honored Dr. Charles T. Thrift, former president of the Florida Historical Society and former president of Florida Southern College, for his distinguished service to Florida history.

New River News, the quarterly publication of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, is soliciting articles on the history of Fort Lauderdale and its environs. Articles should be 1,500 to 3,000 words in length, conform to scholarly standards, and appeal to a general audience. Send manuscripts to Rodney E. Dillon, Jr., Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Box 14043, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33302.

The Chronicler is the publication of the Cape Coral Historical Society. The spring 1981 issue includes an article, "A Mound Key Childhood," by Betsy Zeiss, editor of the Society's quarterly journal.

The Florida Aviation Historical Society announces that the fortieth anniversary of the flight by General James H. Doolittle over Tokyo (April 18, 1942) will be held in St. Petersburg, Florida, April 15-17, 1982. J. Paul Finley is president of the Florida Aviation Historical Society. Warren J. Brown, historian for the Society, also announces plans to sponsor the publication of regional aviation history books. Work is underway on the history of aviation in Jacksonville, Orlando, and St. Petersburg.

Gary B. Nash of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles delivered the annual Rembert W. Patrick Lectures at Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina, on April 2, 1981. His subjects were "Red, White and Black: The Confrontation of Cultures in Colonial America" and "Forging Freedom: The Emancipation Experience in the North, 1775-1820." The Patrick Lectures memorialize Professor Patrick, former chairman of the Department of History, University of Florida, and editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

Members of the Florida Historical Society are invited to join the Southern Historical Association and to receive its publication *The Journal of Southern History*. The Association, organized in 1934, promotes interest in researching southern history, the collecting and preserving of the South's historical records, and the encouragement of state and local historical societies in the South. The Association holds its annual meetings in November. The dues are \$15, payable on a calendar year basis. Dues may be sent to Dr. Bennett H. Wall, Department of History, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602. Dr. Todd L. Savitt, Department of History, University of Florida, Gainesville, is the Florida representative on the membership committee.

The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies invites the submission of articles for the annual SEASECS scholarly publication award. The award, a cash prize of \$150, is given for the best essay on an eighteenth-century subject published in a scholarly journal, annual, or collection of essays during the academic year 1980-1981, by a member of SEASECS or by a person living or working in the SEASECS area (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee). The inter-disciplinary appeal of the essay will be considered, but it is not the sole determining factor in the award. Individuals may submit their own publications or those of others. To be considered, any essay nominated must be submitted in triplicate, postmarked no later than November 1, 1981, and forwarded to the chairman of the 1981 award committee, Professor Jane Perry-Camp, School of Music, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306. The joint winners

of the 1980 award were Thomas E. Kaiser, University of Arkansas, and Robert M. Weir, University of South Carolina.

The 1980 Richard H. Collins Award for the best article in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* was received by George Wright, University of Texas, for "The NAACP and Residential Segregation in Louisville, Kentucky, 1914-1917," which appeared in the winter 1980 issue.

The United States Army Military History Institute sponsors an advanced research program in military history. Individuals selected to work as "advanced research project associates" receive a \$500 grant to cover expenses while conducting research and writing at the Institute. Deadline for submission of applications is January 1, 1982. Request a form from Benjamin Franklin Cooling, assistant director for Historical Services, Department of the Army, United States Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania 17013.

Obituaries

Margaret L. Chapman, a native of North Carolina, died in Tampa on March 28, 1981. She had lived in Tampa since December 1962. She had been a member of the library staff at Florida State University and director of the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History at the University of Florida before being placed in charge of Special Collections at the University of South Florida. She received her degrees from Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Miss Chapman was an active member of the Florida Historical Society, serving on the board of directors and on a number of committees over the years. She was also a contributor to the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. When the Florida Historical Society moved the organization and its research library to the University of South Florida, Miss Chapman supervised the transfer and served as secretary for a number of years. She was responsible for obtaining for the University of South Florida the papers of Governor LeRoy Collins and Congressman Sam Gibbons. Through her efforts the Florida Historical Society also acquired important books, documents, and manuscripts.

Dr. A. Curtis Wilgus, the founder of the School of Inter-American Studies (now the Center for Latin American Studies) at the University of Florida, died in North Miami Beach on January 27, 1981. Before coming to the University of Florida, Dr. Wilgus had taught at the University of South Carolina and George Washington University. He was the founder of the United State Office of Education Inter-American Bibliographical and Library Association and was the author, co-author, compiler, and editor of dozens of reference books on Latin America, including a twenty-three volume historical dictionary on Latin American Republics. His final work, *Latin America: A Guide To Illustrations*, will be published this year. While at the University of Florida, Dr. Wilgus supported the acquisition of documents and manuscripts dealing with Florida history for the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History. He was also associated with historical projects in St. Augustine.

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| Aug. 31-Sept. 4 | Society of American Archivists | Berkeley, CA |
| Sept. 14-17 | American Association for State and Local History | Williamsburg, VA |
| Sept. 24-27 | Oral History Association Workshop and Colloquium | Burlington, VT |
| Sept. 30-Oct. 4 | National Trust for Historic Preservation | New Orleans, LA |
| Nov. 6-8 | Southern Jewish Historical Society | Mobile, AL |
| Nov. 11-14 | Southern Historical Association | Louisville, KY |
| Nov. 12-14 | Southeastern Archeological Conference | Asheville, NC |
| Dec. 4-5 | Southeastern Borderlands Association Conference | Atlanta, GA |
| Dec. 28-31 | American Historical Association | Los Angeles, CA |

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| May 6-7 | Florida Historical Confederation | Fort Lauderdale, FL |
| May 7-8 | FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY—80th MEETING | Fort Lauderdale, FL |