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NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

FLORIDA MANUSCRIPT ACQUISITIONS AND ACCESSIONS

The following are recent manuscript acquisitions and accessions as reported by Florida universities, colleges, public libraries, and other institutions. Those interested in using particular collections should correspond with the library or archives in question.

The P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida, has added to its microfilm collection 473 reels of Spanish Florida Borderlands documents from the Papeles Procedentes de Cuba (part of the Archivo General de Indias, Seville, Spain). Other microfilm additions include: British Public Record Office documents relating to South Carolina, 1663-1782; *Charleston Daily Courier*, 1852-1873; *DeLand Sun News*, 1924-1948; *Largo Sentinel*, 1912-1918, 1922-1933, 1937-1951, 1955-1957, 1960, 1962-1963; Tampa *L'Alba Sociale*, 1901, scattered issues; Tampa *La Voce Dello Schiavo*, 1900-1901, incomplete; and *Vero Beach Press-Journal*, 1919-1947. The library has also accessioned in its manuscript collections additions to the papers of Congressman Charles Bennett, T. Frederick Davis of Jacksonville, and Dr. John Goggin. It has acquired the papers of Sydney Octavias Chase (1860-1941); Joshua Coffin Chase (1858-1948); James Edmundson Ingraham (1850-1924); land claims of Florida Seminoles (United States Indian Claims Commission) against the United States (1955-); Charles Bingham Reynolds (1856-1940), which includes twenty copper plates, and exhibits testimony, post-trial briefs, and case materials on the Florida Bay case (*United States of America v. State of Florida*), in the Supreme Court of the United States, October term, 1972, number fifty-two. Additions to the rare book collection include: *A geographical description of the state of Louisiana* by William Darby (1816); *The Traveller's Directory through the United States* by John Melish (1815); *Real cedula de S. M. y Senores del Consejo, en que se mandó observar y guardar el Tratado de Amistad, límites y navegación concluido y*

ratificado entre su Real Persona y los Estados Unidos de América (Pamplona, 1797) regarding Spanish treaties after 1788; *Verschejde scheeps-togten na Florida door Pontius, Ribald Laudonniere, Gourgues* (Leyden: Pieter van der Aa, 1562?); and *Recopilación de leyes de los reynos de las Indias* (1973 facsimile edition of the 1756 publication, Madrid). The Library has obtained "Map Showing the Different Lines of Survey across Florida for a Canal between Espiritu Santo Bay and the St. Johns and Oklawaha Rivers" (1855); approximately 225 photoreproductions of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Florida maps from the U.S. National Archives; and "War Mission in the Carriibbean: The Diary of Don Francisco de Saavedra, 1780-1783" by Manuel L. Pérez-Alonso (Ph.D. dissertation, Georgetown University, 1954).

Recent acquisitions by the Pensacola Historical Society are the Van Blanchard collection, which includes the yachting records of the annual race from Pensacola to Camp Walton, Florida (1920-1927, 1930-1934, 1936-1938, 1940-1941); typescript of "A History of Hurricane in Eighteenth-century West Florida" by Thomas Muir, Jr.; photocopies of depositions regarding West Florida land grants; photocopy of the provost marshal's report on civilians at Forts Barrancas and Pickens during the period 1862-1865; microfilm of records of the provost marshal at Fort Barrancas, 1865; microfilm of the "Diary and Reminiscences of Stephen R. Mallory," vol. I; Escambia County Marriage Index (1800-1942, 1943-1948, 1949-1968); typescript of "The Descendants of Joseph Bonifay and Marianna Pingrow" by Susan Helen Bonifay; photocopies of the correspondence of the Escambia Gulf Beach Hotel Company (1929-1940); a photo album (1910-1912); E. E. Saunders Company day book-ledger, 1939-1958; and "Facts about the Beginning of the Negro High School in Escambia County" by Hattie P. Eagan.

The Otto G. Richter Library, University of Miami, has added to its rare books *The discovery of Florida; being a true relation of the vicissitudes that attended the Governor Don Hernando de Soto and some nobles of Portugal in the discovery of Florida now just given by a fidalgo of Elvas* (1946 copy of the 1557 edition); papers of August Seymour Houghton, lawyer and conservationist (1905-1948); papers of William Lyman Phillips, landscape architect (1929-1964); and ninety-four Florida prints from *Picturesque*

America, *Harper's Weekly* (1861-1898), *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* (1879-1889), *The Illustrated London News* (1876-1887), and *The Aldine, of Useful Knowledge, Every Saturday* (1870).

Additions to the rare book collection in Florida State University's Robert Manning Strozier Library include Domingo Gonzales Carranza, *A geographical description of the coasts, harbours, and sea ports of the Spanish West-Indies, particularly of Porte Bello, Cartagena, and the Island of Cuba, translated from a curious and authentic manuscript written in Spanish, to which is added, an appendix, containing Captain Parker's own account of his taking the town of Porte Bello in the year 1601, also plans of the Havanna, Porto Belle, Cartagena, and La Vera Cruz* (London, 1740).

The St. Augustine Historical Society has accessioned the correspondence and records of the St. Augustine Free Library Association (1914-1972), and the Peck House collection comprising approximately 10,000 documents relating to the Peck and Burt families (1830-1930). To its newspaper collection it has added the *St. Augustine Florida Press*, March 18, 1871; *St. Augustine Examiner*, February 7, 1874 and March 27, 1875; *St. Augustine Star*, January 10, 1877; and *London Daily Advertiser*, November 3, 1772. Other manuscript acquisitions include "Coacoochee: Made from the Sands of Florida" and "An Anthology of William Bartram's Prose in Free Verse," by Arthur E. Francke, Jr.; and "Higher Learning in America's Oldest City: the Story of a Christian College by William C. Lee" (Florida Memorial College). Thirty-five oral history tapes of the Manucy and Capo families were also added.

Collections acquired by the John C. Pace Library, University of West Florida, Pensacola include the Donald L. Elbert papers concerning his activities as councilman and mayor of Gulf Breeze, Fla., (1964-1966, 1972-1976); the Harold Bryan Crosby papers, relating to law and politics with extensive files on Pensacola and Pensacola civic organizations (1929-1981); the Harold L. Bryans papers, Pensacola physician and president of the Florida State Board of Health (1889-1961); and Dorothy Burrows's collection of nineteenth- and twentieth-century children's books. To the oral history collection were added tapes on the Pensacola police department and crime in Pensacola (1914-1919); Pensacola Naval

Air Station (1914-1919); and interviews with teachers as part of the Escambia County Retired Teachers Association oral history project. Other additions include the personal papers of Marion Viccars (1908-1980); family records of the McCown, Price, Campbell, Rosasco, and Anderson families (Anderson family papers cover those of Dr. Warren E. Anderson, Elizabeth Crowell, and the early hospitals of Pensacola); Escambia County school district records (1877-1967); the Creek Indian Project files of Dr. Lucius Ellsworth and Dr. Jane Dysart which contain the research records of the Creek Indians of northwest Florida; and the records of Florida State Senator Tom Tobiasson of Pensacola.

The Florida Historical Society Library, University of South Florida, received Harold D. Cardwell's manuscript, "60 Years of Service to the Blind." It also received from the Florida State Archives, Tallahassee, copies of the microfilm of the consolidated finding guide to county tax rolls (1829-1881), and county death, marriage, and probate records.

Accessioned by the Haydon Burns Public Library, Jacksonville, were Thomas B. Bradford's "Florida map" (ca. 1833) and a reproduction of his map of the "United States, exhibiting the railroads & canals," 1835), *Map of Jacksonville, Florida* (1910) and xerox copy of map of *Talbot Island, Duval County, Florida* (1901). Also obtained were a photocopy of Steven Cohen's "Suwannee Springs dreamland now just faded memories" from *Live Oak Suwannee Democrat*, August 12, 1980; and scattered issues of *Suntime* magazine (1952-1955).

The Florida State Archives, Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Tallahassee, announces completion of the processing of the administrative correspondence of Governors Doyle Carlton, David Sholtz, Fred Cone, Spessard Holland, Millard Caldwell, Dan McCarty, Charley Johns, and LeRoy Collins. Current accessions include House appropriations committees files beginning in 1977; floor debates of the House of Representatives; resolutions (1932-) and commissions (1912-) of the city of Miami; a photograph file from the Department of Transportation containing bridge and road dedications; and 156 tourism promotion films from the Department of Commerce. Transferred from Governor Bob Graham's office and from the state legislature were approximately 467 cu. ft. of files covering the period November 1980-November 1981. The James B. Whitfield

collection was also accessioned. The Division of Archives is nearing completion of its NHPRC-funded project, "Nineteenth-century Florida State Records," and these materials are now available for use. Finding aids for the collection have been prepared to the folder and volume level. The records include the official correspondence of the governors (1820-1915); correspondence, day books, and ledgers of the state treasurer (1845-1914); records of military expenditures, state juror and witness certificates, and correspondence from the Office of the Comptroller (1839-1906); subject files from various nineteenth-century commissions, including the phosphate commission (1891-1899), the Indian War Claims commission (1878-1929), and the State Institutions Commission which includes files on the convict-lease program (1889-1916). It also includes the official correspondence of Dr. Joseph Y. Porter, State Board of Health (1889-1917); and correspondence to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund (1840-1920).

In December 1981 the University of South Florida Florida Collection was designated as the depository for the Hampton Dunn Floridiana collection. It includes books, photograph and negative files, Florida postcards, and slides, prints, and paintings of Florida scenes. Manuscripts of Dunn's own writings are included together with such things as three docket books for the Alachua County Court covering the years 1840-1870.

To its materials on T. Frederick Davis, the Jacksonville Historical Society has added books from his family library: the Ponce de Leon number of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, written by Mr. Davis; nine other articles bound in a single volume which Mr. Davis contributed to the *Quarterly*; "Florida Events of History," a typescript with bibliography and index of articles which Davis wrote for the *Florida Times-Union* in the 1920s and 1930s; *Florida Historical Pageant*, written by Mr. Davis and produced in Jacksonville in 1922; a scrapbook honoring Mrs. Theodore Hart-ridge, mother of Mrs. T. Frederick Davis; and several autographed books. The Society's archives are in the Swisher Library; Jacksonville University.

Southern Labor Archives, Georgia State University, Atlanta, has accessioned the following collections: Carpenters Local 531 (St. Petersburg, Fla., (1900-1977); Carpenters Local 1275 (Tampa, Fla., (1941-1978), and Florida State Council of Carpenters (1952-1978).