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HISTORY NEWS

The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 7-8, 1982. The Florida Historical Confederation workshops will begin on May 6, 1982, and will continue the following day in conjunction with the Society's other activities. The Bahia Mar Hotel and Yachting Center, U. S. Highway A1A, South, is the convention hotel. Confederation and Society programs will be held there. Dr. Jane Dysart, University of West Florida; Betty D. Smith, Sanford; and Ada Coates Williams, Fort Pierce; are chairpersons, Linda K. Williams, Historical Association of Southern Florida, Miami, arranged the workshops.

The first workshop Thursday afternoon, which will follow the Confederation business meeting, is divided into four concurrent sessions: "Publications from Start to Finish," Dr. Samuel Proctor, University of Florida; "Registration Methods for the Small Historical Society," Terri S. Horrow, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society; "Historic Preservation in Florida," Linda V. Ellsworth, Historic Pensacola Preservation Board; and "Fundraising: The Membership Potential," Randy Nimnicht, Historic Association of Southern Florida. The theme of the evening session will be publications and the discussion will be led by Dr. Thelma Peters, Coral Gables. The Friday morning, May 7, workshop will deal with "Volunteers: Recruitment and Training." Leading the panel discussion will be Leslie Rivera, Historical Association of Southern Florida.

The theme of the Society's program is "Women in America: a Multi-Culture View." Dr. Thelma Peters will chair the first session, and papers will be delivered by Dorothy Fields, Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of Southern Florida, and by Dr. James McGovern, University of West Florida. Mrs. Fields will talk on "Black Women in Greater Miami's History: The Study of Survival Against Odds, 1896-1982," and Dr. McGovern's paper is "Mrs. Lillie A. James and the Horatio Alger Tradition for Blacks in Pensacola, Florida, 1900-1958." The commentator is Whittington Johnson, University of Miami. The

second session's theme is "Spanish and Indian Women," and Dr. Jerrell H. Shofner, University of Central Florida, will act as chairman. Dr. Amy Bushnell, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, will present the paper, "Women in the Parallel Polities, Hispanic Indians and Spanish, during the Seventeenth Century," and Patsy West of Clearwater will talk on "The Seminole Women: Observations on a Cultural Entity." Dr. Harry A. Kersey, Florida Atlantic University, will serve as commentator. The session Saturday morning, "The Immigrant Experience," will have Janet Snyder Matthews of Sarasota serving as chairperson. Dr. Gary Mormino, University of South Florida, will discuss "Family and Community: Immigrant Women in Ybor City," and Dr. Durwood Long, University of Hawaii at Manoa, will talk on "Women in the Cigar Making Industry." Dr. Glenn Westfall, Hillsborough Community College, will be the commentator for this session.

The banquet will be held at the convention hotel Friday evening, and Dr. Frances B. Kinne, president, Jacksonville University, will be the banquet speaker. The winners of the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History, the Rembert W. Patrick Book Award, and the Charlton W. Tebeau Book Award will be announced at the banquet. History Fair awards will be presented at this time, and Linda Ellsworth will present the American Association of State and Local History awards to Mrs. William R. Turner, Pensacola and to Judge Donald A. Cheney, Orlando. The annual business meeting, with Dr. John Mahon presiding, will be held at the hotel on Saturday following the morning session.

The Society's board of directors will hold its business meeting on Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. The desk for registration for the workshops and program will be in the hotel lobby. There will be exhibits of Florida books and the winning projects from the county History Fairs.

National Register of Historic Places

The Florida Department of State, Division of Archives, History and Records Management, reports that the following Florida sites were added to the National Register of Historic Places during the year 1981: Ross Hammock Site (Volusia County); Plant

City High School (Hillsborough County); St. Augustine Light-house & Keeper's Quarters (St. Johns County); Venetian Pool (Dade County); and Kelsey City Hall (Palm Beach County).

Announcements and Activities

The Hampton Dunn Collection has been given to the University of South Florida. It will be housed in the Library as part of Special Collections. It includes photographs and negatives, historical issues of newspapers, oral history tapes, a postcard collection, color slides, prints, paintings, manuscripts, documents, and assorted memorabilia. There are more than 1,000 books, including several autographed and first edition volumes. The manuscripts of Mr. Dunn's books are also included. He is the author of books dealing with the history of Florida and several Gulf coast communities. His most recent book, *Wish You Were Here-A Grand Tour of Early Florida Via Old Postcards*, is reviewed in this issue of the Florida Historical Quarterly.

Tampa Bay History is announcing an essay contest for articles based on historical research dealing with any aspect of the history of the fifteen-county Tampa Bay region including Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota counties. The first prize is \$100, and the second is \$50. Winning articles will be published in *Tampa Bay History*. Deadline for submission is September 1, 1982. For information write Managing Editor, *Tampa Bay History*, Department of History, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 33620.

The Franklin Street Mall, in cooperation with the Tampa Historical Society, has published a "Do-It-Yourself Guide to Downtown Tampa and Surrounding Areas." It includes a short article, "Tampa from Shell Mound to Modern Town," by Kenneth W. Mulder, a self-guided tour, a list of historical markers and their locations, and a listing of historical landmarks. There is also a street map showing the location of sites. Copies of the guide may be secured by writing, the Mall office, 809 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602.

The editorial committee of the University of Florida's Graduate School Monographs on the Social Sciences announces a publication awards competition. The committee is searching for

unpublished works of the highest quality on any theoretical and/or empirical social scientific topic. In addition to an offer of publication through the University Presses of Florida, the author of the winning manuscript will receive a cash prize of \$500. Type-script should be approximately 125-225 pages in length, double-spaced. Edited collections, multi-authored symposia, and unrevised dissertations are not eligible. The committee requests potential entrants to submit a short statement describing the form and scope of their work. If it is judged appropriate, the committee will request the completed manuscript. Deadline for submission of finished manuscripts is November 1, 1982. For information contact Dr. George E. Pozzetta, Department of History, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

The Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management will be host for the South Atlantic Archives and Records conference at St. Augustine Beach, April 29-30, 1982. There will be sessions on the impact of computer and video technologies on archival collections, local government records management programs, document conservation and restoration, archival records appraisal, and alternative sources for archival funding. For information write Ed Tribble, Florida State Archives, R. A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

The Florida Folklore Society held its first meeting at the University of South Florida, Tampa, January 15-17, 1982. Sessions dealt with folklore collecting in Florida, past, present, and future; the Ybor scene; and folklore in the Florida schools. A Florida Folklife program session outlined the activities of that state agency. There was a showing of the video "Learned It in Back Days and Kept It," a Portrait of Lucreaty Clark, Basketmaker, produced by the Florida Folklife Program. There was also a guided tour of Ybor City, a Saturday evening reception at L'Unione Italiana, and a dinner with Thelma Bolton as mistress of ceremonies and Joseph Dobkin and Ralph Boggs as speakers.

The Florida Folklife Program has begun a project to document Seminole basketmaking and patchwork sewing traditions in south Florida. It will include field research on the reservations of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida. Two slidetape programs will be produced.

In November 1981 the Florida Folklife Program became a bureau within the Division of Archives, History and Records

Management, Florida Department of State. The staff in White Springs will continue to be known as the Florida Folklife Program. Dr. David L. Closson, former professor of English and Folklore at the University of Florida, is the director of the program.

Dr. Richard N. Current, Distinguished Professor of History, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, delivered the 1982 Rembert W. Patrick lecture at Guilford College on March 3, 1982. His subject was "Lincoln the Southerner." The annual lecture honors Professor Patrick, former chairman of the Department of History, University of Florida, and former editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

Jon A. von Gunst-Andersen, curator of the Addison Mizner Collection of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, is desirous of receiving Mizner material, including letters, photo, graphs, furniture, or memorabilia that relates to Mizner's career. The Society wants to secure similar material also on other architects who have been associated with the Palm Beach area during the past half century. These would include Maurice Fatio, Marion Sims Wyeth, Joseph Urban, John Volk, Bruce Kitchelk and Lester Geisler. For information write the Society, Box 1147, Palm Beach, Florida 33480.

Obituary

Miss Lelia Abercrombie, for many years curator of the Pensacola Historical Society Museum, died on December 26, 1981, at the age of eighty-nine. A member of a pioneer Pensacola family, "Miss Lelia," as she was known by her many friends, is credited with twice saving Old Christ Church on Seville Square when it was threatened with demolition. Since 1960 the building has served as the home of the Pensacola Historical Museum. At the time of her retirement in 1967, the Museum's research collection was designated the Lelia Abercrombie Historical Library. She was the author of the souvenir booklet for the first Evening in Old Seville Square, and she contributed an article, "Early Churches of Pensacola," to the special Pensacola quadricentennial issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. She played an active role in the Pensacola Heritage Foundation, Pensacola Advisory Committee, and the Pensacola Historical Preservation Society.