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1983 Annual Meeting

The eighty-first meeting of the Florida Historical Society will be held in Daytona Beach, on May 6-7, 1983. The program committee includes Dr. Eugene Lyon, chairman (Box 3621, Beach Station, Vero Beach, FL 32960); Dr. Amy Bushnell (Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, Box 1987, St. Augustine, FL 32084); Dr. William R. Adams (Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board); Dr. Paul S. George (1345 S.W. 14 Street, Miami, FL 33145); and Mildred Fryman (323 Meadowbrook Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32304). They invite anyone interested in reading a paper to correspond with them immediately. Dr. Peter Klingman of Daytona Beach Community College 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 beginning May 5, 1983.

Annual Awards

J. Leitch Wright, Jr., of Florida State University, was selected as the 1982 winner of the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award for his work *The Only Land They Knew, The Tragic Story of the American Indians in the Old South*. This study was published by the Free Press, a division of McMillan Publishing Company, Inc., New York. Judges were Steven L. Lawson, University of South Florida; Jerrell H. Shofner, University of Central Florida; and William S. Coker, University of West Florida. The award memorializes Professor Patrick, editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and secretary of the Florida Historical Society.

Dr. John Sugden, Hull County, Humberside, England, received the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for 1981-1982 for his article, "Southern Indians in the War of 1812: The Closing Phase." It appeared in the January 1982 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 Janice Borton Miller, Tallahassee Community College; Linda Ellsworth, Historic Pensacola Preservation Board; and Eugene Lyon, Vero Beach, Florida. The prize was made possible by an endowment established by Mrs. Arthur W. Thompson of Gainesville. Dr. Sugden has recently completed his doctorate at the University of Sheffield.

Florida History Fair

Final competition for the first annual Florida History Fair was held May 7, 1982, in conjunction with the meeting of the Florida Historical Society in Fort Lauderdale. The overall theme for the Fair was "Florida and Its People." The finalists who were selected from 8,000 participants brought their projects to be displayed at the meeting. First prize winner was Todd Snowden, 7th grade, Workman Middle School, Pensacola. His project was "The Ferry at Ferry Pass," and his teacher was Sandra Mayne. Carl Cartwright, 7th grade, Ferry Pass Middle School, Pensacola won second prize for his diorama of "The Old Bagdad Sawmill." His teacher was Cynthia Crutchfield. Third prize winners were Sharon Bingham and Heather Walton, 4th grade, Aloma Elementary School, Winter Park, for their display, "Florida Commerce and Industry." Their teacher was Betty Windsor. Other entrants in the Florida History Fair included Alvina Chu, Reed Patillo Elementary School, New Smyrna Beach (Debrah Becher, teacher); 7th grade class, Ormond Beach Junior High (Melinda Tammer, teacher); 4th grade class, Blackner Elementary School, Orlando (Janet Drake, teacher); Gregory Rogolino, Fort Pierce Central High School (Don King, teacher); Donna Marie Eprifani and Anne Marie Griffin, Fort Pierce Central High School (Don King, teacher); Chelsea Jones, Gainesville Academy (Elizabeth Nancarrow, teacher); and Farrell Rogers, Westwood Middle School, Gainesville (Elizabeth Smith, teacher). The Florida History Fair was funded by grants from the Florida Historical Society and the National History Day (with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities). Its sponsorship will be a continuing responsibility of the Florida Historical Society.

Wentworth Foundation Grant

William M. Goza, former president of the Florida Historical

Society and executive director of the Wentworth Foundation, Inc., presented a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Foundation to the Florida Historical Society at its meeting in Fort Lauderdale. These annual gifts from the Wentworth Foundation are designated for the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The Wentworth Foundation has been very generous in its support over the years to the Florida Historical Society and to many other historical, anthropological, and cultural organizations. The Foundation provides scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students at a number of Florida colleges and universities. The recipients are known as Wentworth Scholars. It has supported several archeological projects sponsored by the Florida State Museum, and it was instrumental in the University of Florida acquiring the Howe Collection of American Literature. The Foundation also supports the project of the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida, of calendaring its vast collection of Spanish borderland documents and manuscripts.

Announcements and Activities

The Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board has completed the restoration of the de Mesa-Sánchez House and has opened the building to the public as part of its interpretive program in the Restoration Area. After several years of research and physical restoration, the house has been returned to its appearance in the 1830s. It features several rooms furnished to interpret the Florida territorial period (1821-1845). A slide-tape presentation describes the research and restoration of the property, and an exhibit shows how the changes in the house and its owners reflect cultural change in St. Augustine in the years 1763-1837. The first documented owner of the house was Antonio de Mesa from Mexico, who served as a customs official in St. Augustine during the last years of the first Spanish period. Archeological evidence confirmed the size of the original one-room house. The building passed through several owners during the British period (1763-1784), including the indigo planter Joseph Stout, who enlarged it slightly. Juan Sánchez, a ship caulker and Spanish businessman, greatly enlarged the structure during the second Spanish period. By 1837, the house had reached its present L-shaped, fifteen-room size, and was covered with a pink-painted stucco which has now

been reapplied. Final additions were probably made by James Lisk, a carpenter from upstate New York, who likely never lived in the house.

The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society has recently received 38,500 negatives from local photographer Gene Hyde to be added to its collection of negatives and photographs. Mr. Hyde earlier donated 145,000 negatives to the Society. When the collection is finally sorted and indexed, it will represent one of the largest photo-documentation archives in Florida.

The Florida State Genealogical Society will hold its annual conference at the Ramada Inn, West Palm Beach, November 12-13, 1982.

The Historical Association of Southern Florida has announced a campaign to raise the funds necessary to acquire an original folio volume of the *Birds of America* by John James Audubon. The original engravings were issued between 1827 and 1835 in a limited edition which includes about thirty bird portraits that Audubon painted in Florida during his visit, November 1831-May 1832. It was during his tour of Florida at that time that Audubon observed the wildlife of St. Augustine, Key West, Indian Key, and the Dry Tortugas. The May 1982 issue of *Update*, the monthly journal published by the Historical Association, includes two articles relating to Audubon. "The Florida Keys" contains abstracts from Audubon's *Ornithological Biography* describing Sandy Key as he observed it April 26-29, 1832. Another article is by Kathryn Hall Proby whose book, *Audubon in Florida*, was published by the University of Miami Press in 1974. The title for her article is "Retracing Audubon on Florida's Keys." In this issue of *Update* is also an article, "Lost in the Everglades," by Earl DeHart, which describes the journey of John W. King and two fifteen-year-old boys who became lost for two weeks in the Everglades in 1917.

The South Carolina Historical Society is producing microfiche copies of its manuscript holdings, of manuscripts owned by other organizations and individuals, and of out-of-print publications. A total of 3,878 fiche are now available. The price for each

fiche is \$1.50, with discounts for large orders. The entire group of approximately 200,000 pages sells for \$2,500. A catalog is available from the South Carolina Historical Society, Fireproof Building, Charleston, SC 29401. Order microfiche from the Reprint Company, P. O. Box 5401, Spartanburg, SC 29304. The Charleston Historical Society's printed publications are also available through this firm.

The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies invites submissions for its annual essay competition. An award of \$150 will be given for the best essay on an eighteenth century subject published in a scholarly journal, annual, or collection between September 1, 1981, and August 31, 1982, by a member of SEASECS or a person living or working in the SEASECS area, which includes the state of Florida. Individuals may submit their own work or the work of others. Essays must be submitted in triplicate, postmarked no later than November 1, 1982, to Professor Bertram H. Davis, Department of English, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306. The 1982 award winner will be announced at the SEASECS annual conference in Birmingham, March 17-19, 1983.

Publications

The Spring/Summer 1982 issue of *Tampa Bay History* includes articles on the history of Ruskin, Florida, the utopian settlement named for John Ruskin, the famed nineteenth-century English Socialist. "Socialism and the Sunshine: The Roots of Ruskin, Florida," is by Lori Robinson and Bill De Young. Other articles are "Boca Grande: The Town the Railroad Built," by Geanne P. Reidy, and " 'Wish You Were Here': A Photo Essay," by Hampton Dunn. The Memoir, "The *Tribune's* First Woman Reporter," is by Lucy Fulghum O'Brien, and the notes include "The Daring Escape of Judah P. Benjamin," by Michael G. Schene, and "Prosperous Palmetto," reprinted from the July 27, 1897, issue of the *Tampa Morning Tribune*. Area funeral home records, compiled by Denise Kelley and Randy Bobbitt, are in the genealogy section. *Tampa Bay History* is published semi-annually by the Department of History, University of South Florida, Tampa. Dr. Steven F. Lawson is managing editor, and correspond-

ence concerning subscription, book reviews, and other editorial matters should be sent to him.

Hampton Dunn, editor of the *Sunland Tribune*, published by the Tampa Historical Society, is soliciting articles for the twelfth anniversary issue of the journal. Subjects may relate to business, personages, buildings, or events of importance to Tampa and the Tampa Bay area. Articles must be typed and should include footnotes and a list of sources. Send articles and photographs to Hampton Dunn, *Sunland Tribune*, 245 South Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606.

The *Center for the Study of Southern Culture* at the University of Mississippi has assumed editorial responsibilities for publishing *Perspectives on the American South: An Annual Review of Society, Politics, and Culture*. Volume 3 is scheduled for publication in the summer of 1983. James C. Cobb and Charles R. Wilson, the co-editors, are soliciting papers from scholars in the social sciences and the humanities. *Perspectives on the American South* is an interdisciplinary collection of articles that are both scholarly and appealing to a lay audience. Its focus is upon the social-cultural study of the South. The editors are interested in comparative studies of the South and other societies, examinations of southern ethnic and cultural groups, and studies of the relationship of the region's cultural to its social setting. Deadline for submission of manuscripts for volume 3 is November 1, 1982. Manuscripts and inquiries should be sent to the Center, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi 38677.

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Sept. 21-24	American Association for State and Local History	Hartford, CT
Oct. 6-10	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Louisville, KY
Oct. 7-10	Oral History Association Workshop and Colloquium	San Antonio, TX
Oct. 13-17	American Society for Ethno-History	Nashville, TN
Oct. 27-29	Southeastern Archaeological Conference	Memphis, TN
Oct. 28-30	Florida Trust for Historic Preservation	Jacksonville, FL
Nov. 3-6	Southern Historical Association	Memphis, TN
Nov. 19-21	Southern Jewish Historical Society	New Orleans, LA
Dec. 27-30	American Historical Association	Washington, D.C.

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May 5	Florida Historical Confederation	Daytona Beach, FL
May 6-7	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY— 81st MEETING	Daytona Beach, FL