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HISTORY NEWS

1910 Census Schedules

The National Archives has announced the availability on microfilm of the 1910 Census. Census schedules (T624) are for sale through the Archives Publications Sales Branch. The cost is \$17.00 per roll. The schedules are arranged by state or territory and then by county. In some instances the names of large cities also appear. The eleven Regional Archives Branches have copies of the schedules for research use by the public. A free catalog is available from the Publications Sales Branch, National Archives, Washington, D. C. 20408. The 1910 census schedules record the following information for each person: name; relationship to head of household; sex; color or race; age at last birthday; marital status; length of present marriage; if a mother, number of children and number of living children; place of birth of parents; if foreign born, the year of immigration and citizenship status; language spoken; occupation; type of industry employed in; if employer, employee, or self-employed; if unemployed; number of weeks unemployed in 1909; ability to read or write; if attended daytime schools since September 1, 1909; if home is rented or owned; if home is owned, whether free or mortgaged; if home is a house or a farm; if a veteran of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy; if blind in both eyes; and if deaf and dumb. The forms used to survey Indians recorded also the tribe and/or band.

Although the 1880 and 1900 census schedules were indexed by Soundex for all states, only twenty-one states have been indexed for 1910. Fortunately, Florida is one of the states that has been indexed. The index for Florida is called Miracode, rather than Soundex, but the only major difference is that Miracode provides the visitation number assigned by the census enumerator rather than the page and line numbers given by Soundex. The Soundex/Miracode has been filmed by the National Archives on a separate microfilm publication. The State Library in Tallahassee has ordered schedules for Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Microfilm will be available on inter-library loan.

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Requests must be initiated by the researcher through a local public or institutional library. The microfilm will also be available at the University of Florida Library and in other institutional, public, and historical society libraries in the state.

Awards

The American Association for State and Local History, at its annual national meeting Hartford, Connecticut, September 1982, recognized John and Bessie DuBois of Jupiter, Florida, for their lifetime devotion to collecting and preserving the history of south Florida. The Certificate of Commendation will be presented to them at the annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society in Daytona Beach, May 1983. The awards presented by the Association are the nation's most prestigious competition for local history achievement. Mr. and Mrs. DuBois were recommended by a state committee and were selected for the award by a national committee of leaders in the field of state and local history. Mr. and Mrs. DuBois are active members of the Florida Historical Society. Mrs. DuBois is author of many articles on the Jupiter, Florida, area which have been published in historical and anthropological journals. She is also the author of four monographs. Mr. DuBois saved and preserved artifacts from a prehistoric Indian shell mound on their property and presented the collection to the Florida State Museum, University of Florida. The couple are among the most significant non-professional historians active in south Florida.

Tony Pizzo was named official Hillsborough County Historian by the Board of County Commissioners in May 1982. Only two other Tampan— D. B. McKay and Theodore Lesley— have held this position. Mr. Pizzo, an active member of the Florida Historical Society, is the author of *Tampa Town— The Cracker Village With a Latin Accent* and *Tampa's Latin Heritage*. He and Dr. Gary Mormino of the University of South Florida are writing a new history of Tampa that will be one of the volumes in the *American Portrait* series published by Continental Heritage Press. *Tampa— Queen of the Gulf* is scheduled for a fall 1983 release. Mr. Pizzo was co-host on the ten-part television series "Tony Pizzo's Tampa" presented on WUSF-TV, Channel 16. He also instructs a class

"Tampa's Latin Roots," at the University of South Florida. He is past president of the Tampa Historical Society and the winner of the Society's D. B. McKay Award for 1980. The Award recognized his distinguished contributions to Florida history.

The Tampa Historical Society presented its D. B. McKay Award for 1982 to Mel Fisher, author and underwater treasure hunter, in recognition of his contributions to the cause of Florida history through his explorations and recovery of treasure off the Florida coast. The presentation was made at the Society's annual banquet, November 17, 1982, at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club. Mr. Fisher was also the speaker for the evening.

The Jacksonville Beaches Area Historical Society has received national recognition by the America the Beautiful Fund for the restoration and preservation of the Florida East Coast Railway House/Museum. The award was presented at a ceremony on September 23, 1982, at the Jacksonville Beach Community Center. The awards are given annually to volunteer civic, cultural, heritage, and environmental projects throughout the United States that serve as models of creative citizens service.

Announcements and Activities

The dedication of the restored Old Capitol was held on September 19, 1982. State Senator Pat Thomas, Representative Herbert Morgan, former Secretary of State Bruce Smathers, and Senator Robert Williams cut the ribbon formally opening the historic building. A plaque, which will hang in the Old Capitol, was presented to Senator Williams, former director of the Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Florida Department of State. It notes the role which Williams played in saving and restoring the building. The plaque is made of wood from under the state seal in the Old Capitol and brass from the old Whitfield Building.

The first issue of *Florida's Panhandle Life* was published in May 1982. The charter issue was dedicated to the West Florida Railroad Centennial Commission and included articles on the people, history, and folklore of the railroads of west Florida.

There is also a photo essay on Holmes Creek with colored graphics. The goal of the quarterly is "to help preserve the panhandle's past, to present its current lifestyle, and be mindful of its future." A subscription to *Florida's Panhandle Life* is \$6.00, but a special \$5.00 rate is being offered. For information about subscriptions, advertising, submission of articles, or other information write to Dale Taylor, Route 3, Dogwood Lake Estates, Bonifay, Florida 32425.

The Florida College Teachers Of History will meet at Stetson University, DeLand, on March 17-19, 1983. For information on the program, reservations, and accommodations, write Professor Kevin J. O'Keefe, Department of History, Box 1325, Stetson University, DeLand, Florida 32720.

The Donald A. Cheney wing of the Orange County Historical Museum was dedicated in Orlando, December 13, 1982. It honors Judge Cheney, president emeritus of the Orange County Historical Society and chairman of the Orange County Commission. Judge Cheney was recognized this past year with a Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for State and Local History for his many contributions to Orange County and Florida history.

The St. Lucie Historical Society, which celebrated its thirtieth anniversary November 18, 1982, is now publishing a historical quarterly in cooperation with the St. Lucie County schools. The editors of the quarterly are Jack Roberts, Lucille Rights, and Iva Jean Sherman. The Society began as a committee of the St. Lucie County Library Association in 1952. Its offices are located at 414 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce, Florida 33450.

The Pensacola Historical Society is celebrating two important anniversaries: the hundredth fiftieth anniversary of Old Christ Church, Florida's oldest Protestant church building, and the fiftieth birthday of the Pensacola Historical Society which was founded in 1933. The Society is planning several activities to mark these important events. These include the minting of a silver medallion that will sell for \$37.50 each. A musical play was presented December 20, 1982, in the First Presbyterian

Church on Gregory Street. It saluted the founding of Christ Church in 1832. On March 25, 1938, the Society will hold a special anniversary party. For information write the Pensacola Historical Society, 405 South Adams Street, Seville Square, Pensacola, Florida 32501.

An inventory of Florida's historic markers has been completed by John Scafidi and Olga Caballer, Historic Preservation Section, Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties, Division of Archives, History and Records Management. A total of 316 markers were located, and information is now available as to locations, styles, errors in the text, physical conditions of the signs, and their accessibility to the public. For information contact John Scafidi.

Emily R. Brownold is the new director of the Henry B. Plant Museum in Tampa. She was curator of education of Glensheen, a historic house museum in Duluth, Minnesota, and interpretive programs assistant at Washington Headquarters, State Historic Site, Newburgh, New York.

Marcy-Jean Mattson, formerly director of the Historic Belmont Association, Nashville, Tennessee, has been appointed executive director of the St. Augustine Historical Society. Ms. Mattson earlier worked for the Arizona State Parks as curator of collections. She was presented to the members at the annual meeting of the St. Augustine Historical Society, January 11, 1983.

The Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi will be publishing *Perspectives on the American South: An Annual Review of Society, Politics, and Culture*. Volume 3, to be co-edited by James C. Cobb and Charles L. Wilson, is scheduled for release in the summer of 1983. The editors solicit papers from scholars in the social sciences and the humanities for future volumes. Articles should be both scholarly and intelligible to a lay audience. The focus of *Perspectives* is upon a social-cultural study of the South.

All matters pertaining to manuscripts, individual and institutional subscriptions, advertisements, and reprints for the *Journal*

of Negro History should be addressed to Dr. Alton Hornsby, Jr., Editor, Box 721, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia 30314. Other inquiries pertaining to back copies and indexes for the journal should be addressed to the Executive Director, ASALH, 1401 Fourteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

The Florida State Archives is opening the records of Florida's first general election after achieving statehood. The collection is listed as First Statehood Election Returns (Record Group 156, Series 486).

On March 3, 1845, the final day of President John Tyler's administration, Florida became the twenty-seventh state in the Union. Two weeks later, Territorial Governor John Branch accepted the official copy of Florida's admission act. Then, complying with the provisions of the Constitution drawn up at the St. Joseph's convention of 1838-39, Branch announced that the election of Florida's first state officials would be held on May 26, 1845. Voters of the state of Florida selected William D. Moseley their first governor. The 11,980 voters also chose Florida's first congressional representative, seventeen state senators, and forty-one state representatives.

Since all free white males over the age of twenty-one could vote if they were enrolled in the militia or legally exempted from service, the First Statehood Election Returns series is important to historians and genealogists.

The First Statehood Election Returns series will be available at the Florida State Archives in Tallahassee, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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April 6-9	Organization of American Historians	Cincinnati, OH
April 8-10	Florida Anthropological Society	Tallahassee, FL
May 5	Florida Historical Confederation	Daytona Beach, FL
May 6-7	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY— 81st MEETING	Daytona Beach, FL
June 5-9	American Museum Association	San Diego, CA
Sept. 28- Oct. 1	Oral History Association	Seattle, WA
Oct. 47	American Association for State and Local History	Victoria, B.C.
November	Southern Historical Association	Charleston, S.C.
Dec. 28-30	American Historical Association	San Francisco, CA