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HISTORY NEWS

The Annual Meeting

Florida Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at Daytona Beach, Florida, May 6-7, 1983. The Florida Historical Confederation will also be meeting at that time and will present its program on Thursday, May 5, 1983. The Holiday Inn Surfside, 2700 North Atlantic Avenue, is the convention hotel for both the Confederation and Society programs. Dr. Eugene Lyon, Vero Beach, is Society program chair; members of his committee are Dr. William R. Adams, Dr. Amy Bushnell, and Dr. Paul S. George. The theme of the two-day program is "The Outlaws: Florida Outside (Or Just Inside) The Law." Dr. William S. Coker, University of West Florida, will chair the first session on Friday morning which will include papers by Dr. Lyon, "The Spanish Mutineers," and Jane Landers, University of Florida, "Spanish Sanctuary: Fugitives In Florida, 1784-1790." Dr. J. Leitch Wright, Jr., Florida State University, will serve as commentator. The second session, covering the territorial and early statehood period, will have as its chairman Dr. Thomas S. Graham of Flagler College. Virginia Bergman Peters, Falls Church, Virginia, will read a paper, "Black Knights in the Florida Swamps," Love Dean, Islamorada, will present a paper, "The Wreckers," and Dr. George E. Buker, Jacksonville University, will serve as commentator. The Saturday morning, May 7, session, with Arva Moore Parks as chair, will focus on the twentieth century. Ada Coates Williams, Indian River Community College, will read a paper entitled, "The Ashley Gang," and William Wilbanks, Florida International University, and Paul S. George, Miami, will present a paper entitled, "Death and (Self) Destruction: Homicide and Suicide in Dade County, 1925-26 and 1980." Dr. Robert P. Ingalls, University of South Florida, will be the commentator for this session.

Patsy West of Clearwater and her committee have arranged the Florida Historical Confederation's program. It will be preceded by the organizational meeting of the Society of Florida Archivists. J. Earle Bowden, editor of the *Pensacola News*

Journal, the keynote speaker, will discuss the theme of the conference, "Projecting Your Image." Hampton Dunn, editor of the *Sunland Tribune* and the *Florida Explorer*, and John Evans, WESH TV, Channel 2, Daytona Beach, will talk on "Projecting Your Image To The Media." The first afternoon session, "Projecting Your Image Through Festivals," will be a panel discussion with participation by Sue Lofaro, Halifax Historical Society; Robert M. Hall, Historic Florida Militia; Ormond H. Loomis, Florida Folk Life Program; and Barbara Hodgens, Key West Art and Historical Society. The following session, "Projecting Your Image Through Video," will feature Jack Roberts, superintendent of media for the St. Lucie County schools. The day's activities will end with the Florida Historical Confederation general membership meeting followed by a meeting of its executive committee.

The Florida Historical Society banquet will be held at the convention hotel Friday evening, and William M. Goza, past president of the Florida Historical Society, will be the speaker. His subject is "The Florida Historical Society: Individually and Collectively." 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. The winners of the history fair awards will be recognized, and Linda Ellsworth will present the American Association of State and Local History Awards to John and Bessie DuBois, Jupiter, Florida. The annual business meeting, with Olive Peterson presiding, will be held at the hotel on Saturday immediately following the morning session.

The Society's board of directors will hold its business meeting on Thursday evening. The registration desk for the Florida Historical Confederation and the Florida Historical Society will be in the hotel lobby. There will be exhibits of Florida books and the winning projects from the county history fairs.

Susan Lofaro, Debbie Haun, Frank Bruno, Harold Cardwell, and Paul Thompson are local arrangements committee members. Hosts for the meetings will be the Halifax Historical Society, Day-

tona Beach Community College, Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The Halifax Historical Society's annual Strawberry Festival will be held in conjunction with the convention on Saturday, May 7, immediately following the business meeting. It will include a fashion show of antique clothing dating to the 1860s. Tickets for the Festival will be available at the registration desk.

Census Schedules

The genealogy room of the Miami-Dade Public Library has a complete set of the United States census microfilm for all years from 1790 to 1910 for all states, including slave schedules. Except for the schedules at the Federal Records Center, Eastpoint, Georgia, the Miami-Dade holdings are the only complete set of the census in the Southeast. Soundex is not available. Microfilm is also not available for interlibrary loan, but it can be used in the Library, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. For information write the Library, One Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, or telephone, 305-579-5001.

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 1982: San Carlos Hotel, Pensacola Hospital, and Fort Barrancas Historical District (Escambia County); Opa-Locka Thematic Nomination (Dade County); Anderson-Frank House (Hillsborough County); Edward Hill Brewer House and Maitland Art Center (Orange County); Denham-Lacy House (Jefferson County); St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Rectory and the Louisville and Nashville Depot (Santa Rosa County); Dixie Hotel (Hotel Kelley, Seagle Building) and the Mary Phifer McKenzie House (Alachua County); Bat Tower/Sugarloaf Key (Monroe County); John J. Swearingen House (Polk County); the Florida Theater and the Lane-Towers House (Duval County); Bridge of Lions (St. Johns County); Florida Power & Light Co. Ice Plant (Brevard County); and Caple-Ringling Estate Historic District (Sarasota County).

Preservation Week

Preservation Week will be celebrated in Florida May 9-13, 1983. Local, county, and regional historical and preservation societies are planning special programs. There will be a full day of activities in Tallahassee on May 11, sponsored by the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. This will include an address by Secretary of State George Firestone in the R. A. Gray Building auditorium on Wednesday morning, an open house of the building which includes the Florida State Library, Florida History Museum, Florida Photographic Collection, and the Florida State Archives. For further information, write Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32301, or the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Box 10368, Tampa, FL 33679. The Florida Review Committee for the National Register for Historic Sites will hold its open meeting in the Gray Building auditorium on Thursday, May 12.

Announcements and Activities

The Secretary of State's office has announced that historic preservation ordinances were certified on December 29, 1982, pursuant to the provisions of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 and prior law, for Bradenton, South Miami, Ocala, and Miami Shores. A certification enables a community to designate historic districts. Once a district is approved, owners of contributing properties within the district may be eligible for federal historic preservation tax incentives in the form of income tax credits. The credits are then available for approved rehabilitation of the historic properties within the district. Eleven other Florida cities already have certified ordinances.

After successfully stabilizing a pre-historic canoe, the Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management has returned it to the Sanford Museum. The twenty-two foot long canoe was found submerged in Loch Lowe Lake in Sanford. Radiocarbon dating indicated that the vessel was crafted in the general time period of A. D. 800. The museum plans to utilize the canoe as part of an interpretative exhibit.

The Pensacola Historical Society on March 21 held a Golden

Jubilee dinner, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of its charter on March 25, 1933. The program included a dramatic presentation, "Making History with History, 1933-1983." Awards for meritorious service and certificates of appreciation were announced. Recent speakers at the Society were E. Dixie Biggs, Pensacola attorney, and Dr. Ted Carageorge, Department of History, Pensacola Junior College.

The Tampa Historical Society, on March 19, 1982, dedicated a plaque recognizing the historical significance of the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. There was also a walking tour of Ybor City and open house at the Ybor City State Museum.

The St. Augustine Historical Society is gathering material for a new history of St. Augustine to mark the one-hundredth anniversary of the Society's founding. Gene Parker Waterbury, editor of the *East-Florida Gazette*, is senior editor of the project. Assisting her are Dr. Amy Bushnell, John W. Griffin, Dr. Daniel L. Schafer, Patricia C. Griffin, David Nolan, Dr. Thomas S. Graham, Robert N. Dow, Dr. William R. Adams, Jacqueline K. Bearden, Charles S. Coomes, Mark E. Fretwell, Albert Mauncy, Robert W. Harper, Luis R. Arana, Dr. Eugene Lyon, and Dr. Kathleen Degan.

J. J. Daniel, former chairman of the board of the Florida Publishing Company and publisher of the *Florida Times Union*, presented a check for \$10,000 on behalf of the Florida Publishing Company, to the Jacksonville Historical Society in appreciation of the work of Dena Snodgrass, the Society's research historian, in helping James Robertson Ward gather material for his book *Old Hickory's Town: An Illustrated History of Jacksonville*. Mr. Daniel urged the Society to "consider assuming a higher profile in the city by hiring an executive director." Jacksonville University has made space available to the Society for its archives. Located on the second floor of the Swisher Library, the archives are open from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month or by appointment with Ms. Audrey Broward, the Society's archivist.

The Ybor City Museum has opened at 1818 9th Avenue in the

old Ferlita Bakery Building. Its exhibits and collections emphasize the Latin heritage and culture of the area beginning with the start of the cigar industry in 1885. An Ybor City Museum Society is being organized to support the Museum's various planned activities.

The records of Florida's first general election after achieving statehood in 1845 have been opened for research at the Florida State Archives, R. A. Gray Building, Tallahassee. The collection is listed as First Statehood Election Returns, Record Group 156, Series 486. Since all free white males over the age of twenty-one could vote, the election returns are of interest to genealogists and historians.

The Florida Railroad and Traction Historical Society is being organized. The members—railroad buffs and historians—will examine the history and background of all of Florida's steam, diesel, and electric railways, including early horse, battery, and electric trolley lines. For information, write to Florida Railroad and Traction Historical Society, 330 N.E. 96 Street, Miami Shores, FL 33138.

Historical Engineering Landmark is now available free from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). The brochure lists and provides information on all of the state, national, and international landmarks which have been listed, together with a state-by-state roster of their geographic locations. The brochure is available from Public Information, ASME, 345 East 47 Street, New York, NY 10017.

The American Association of State and Local History announces the availability of research grants for individuals and organizations working in state and local history. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities is enabling the Association to administer a competitive program with small grants-in-aid for research. Fifty such grants of up to \$3,000 each will be available in 1983 and 1984. Awards will be announced in October 1983. For information, write to James B. Gardner, staff historian, AASLH, 708 Berry Road, Nashville, TN 37204. The first application deadline is July 15, 1983.

The Center for the Study of Southern Culture is planning a series of seminars entitled, "The American South and Cultural Perspective." These colloquia will feature scholars from various disciplines and will be directed particularly to corporate executives desiring to become more familiar with the South as a region. The goal is to give business personnel a better understanding of the social, cultural, religious, and economic factors that have traditionally set the South apart from the rest of the nation. For more information, contact James C. Cobb (601-232-5805), or write the Center, University of Mississippi, University MS 38677.

The Florida Folklore Society held its annual meeting at the University of Florida, February 11-13, 1983. It was sponsored by the University's Department of Anthropology, the Florida State Museum, and the University of Florida Anthropology Student Association. Dr. Allan F. Burns served as program chair. Three panels were presented: "Florida Folklore and Florida Education," "Florida Festivals and Fairs," and "Local Community Participation in Folklore Projects." The sessions were moderated by Thelma Boltin, Dr. Ron Foreman, and Betty Camp. Dr. Burns also moderated the discussion on Current Florida Folklore Projects. There were performances by the Southland Singers and Gainesville Folkdancers, and slide/tape shows presented by Merri Belland, Doris Dyan, Bob Cottrell, and Peggy Bulger.

The American Association for State and Local History, at its annual meeting in Hartford, Connecticut, September 1982, recognized John and Bessie DuBois of Jupiter, Florida, for the many years that they have dedicated to the research and preservation of Florida history and the history of their own locale. The national Certificate of Commendation particularly noted their devotion to the history of south Florida. The award will be presented to Mr. and Mrs. DuBois at the annual banquet of the Florida Historical Society in Daytona Beach, May 6, 1983.