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## HISTORY NEWS

### *1984 Annual Meeting*

The eighty-second meeting of the Florida Historical Society will be held in Fort Myers on May 3-5 1984. The program committee includes Linda Ellsworth, chair (Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, 205 E. Zaragoza Street, Pensacola, Florida 32501); J. Leitch Wright (Florida State University, Department of History, Tallahassee, Florida 32306); Marcia Kanner (6915 Barquera, Coral Gables, Florida 33146); Wright Langley (Historic Key West Preservation Board, Monroe County Courthouse, Key West, Florida 33040); and Kyle S. Van Lanningham (103 S.W. 2 Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 33472). The committee members invite anyone interested in reading a paper to correspond with them immediately. Ernest Hall will be in charge of local arrangements. The Southwest Florida Society and other 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 3, 1984. Ms. Patricia Wickman, Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee, is chair of the Confederation. Questions covering the workshop should be directed to her.

### *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 the annual meeting in Daytona Beach. The money is presented each year for the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The Wentworth Foundation has been very generous in its support to the Society over the years and to many other historical, anthropological, and cultural organizations in the state. The Foundation provides scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students at a number of Florida colleges and universities. The recipients are known as Wentworth Scholars. It has supported archeological projects sponsored by the Florida State Museum and research programs of the P. K. Yonge

Library of Florida History, University of Florida. It made an initial grant for the project of calendaring the Spanish documents and manuscripts in the P.K. Yonge Library. It was also instrumental in the University of Florida acquiring the Howe Collection of American Literature.

#### *Awards and Prizes*

Dr. Larry E. Rivers, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, received the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for 1982-1983 for his article, " 'Dignity and Importance': Slavery in Jefferson County, Florida— 1827-1860." It appeared in the April 1983 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 Dr. Harry L. Kersey, Florida Atlantic University; Dr. William Warren Rogers, Florida State University; and Dr. James E. McGovern, University of West Florida. The prize was made possible by an endowment established by Mrs. Arthur W. Thompson of Gainesville in memory of her husband, the distinguished historian of the South and a member of the history faculty at the University of Florida.

*Anatomy of a Lynching, The Killing of Claude Neal* by Dr. James E. McGovern, published by Louisiana State University Press, was selected as the best book published in 1982 on a Florida subject. Dr. McGovern, University of West Florida, received the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award. The judges were Dr. William R. Adams, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board; Dr. Lucius F. Ellsworth, University of West Florida; and Dr. David R. Colburn, University of Florida. The award memorializes Professor Patrick, editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and secretary of the Florida Historical Society.

The Charlton W. Tebeau Junior Book Award for 1982 was presented to Dorothy Francis of Marshalltown, Iowa, for her book, *Captain Morgana Mason*, published by Lodestar Books/ E. P. Dutton. The award honors Charlton W. Tebeau, Emeritus Professor, University of Miami, editor of *Tequesta*, and a former president of the Florida Historical Society. It is given annually

to the author of the best book for young readers on a Florida subject. The judges were Rodney E. Dillon, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society; Patricia R. Wickman, Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee; and Patricia C. Griffin, St. Augustine.

Dr. Jerrell H. Shofner, professor and chairman of the Department of History, University of Central Florida, has been recognized as "Researcher of the Year" by the University. His prize was \$1,000. Dr. Shofner is past president of the Florida Historical Society and is the author of many books and articles on nineteenth- and twentieth-century Florida. He has received the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History five times and the Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Prize from the Florida Historical Society on two occasions.

The Orange County Historical Society, Inc., received a \$1,000 community service award at the 1983 Walt Disney World Community Service Awards luncheon on April 1983. The historical society's award was given in the Civic Community Service category and was presented to Jean Yothers, curator of the Orange County Historical Museum. This marks the third Community Service Award received by the historical society. The first in 1975, and the second in 1978.

The Pensacola History Society celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at a dinner meeting on March 21, 1983. Both the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and its editor, Dr. Samuel Proctor, received Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their outstanding service and contributions to the Pensacola Historical Society and the Pensacola Historical Museum. These presentations were made by Dr. Lucius Ellsworth on behalf of the Society at the Florida Historical Society meeting in Daytona Beach, May 6.

The Junior Historian Award, established by the Junior League of Pensacola in honor of J. Earle Bowden, president of the Pensacola Historical Society and editor of the *Pensacola News-Journal*, will display names of annual grand prize winners of the Florida History Fair of Escambia County. Bowden was honored for his thirty-year newspaper career and community work

as West Florida historian, author, and preservationist. He is chairman of the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, Pensacola, Architectural Review Board, and he led the campaign to create the Gulf Island National Seashore.

The Governor's Award of the Kentucky Historical Society for the best book published on Kentucky history over the past four years, has been given to John Gaventa for his *Power and Powerlessness: Quiescence and Rebellion in an Appalachian Valley* (University of Illinois Press, 1980). The award, designed to recognize outstanding research and writing, carries a \$1,000 stipend. The 1982 Richard H. Collins Award for the best article in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* has been given to James B. Murphy of Southern Illinois University for his "Slavery and Freedom on Appalachia," which appeared in the Spring 1982 issue. Designed to honor writing and research strength, the award carries a \$250 stipend.

#### *Publications*

*Tampa Bay History* announces its second annual essay contest. Entries should be 2,500-5,000 words, typewritten, double-spaced, with footnotes at the end of articles. All entries must be based on previously unpublished historical research of a subject concerning the fifteen-county area surrounding Tampa: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota counties. Deadline for submission is September 1, 1983. The first prize is \$100, and the second prize is \$50. Winning articles will be published in *Tampa Bay History*. Last year's winners were Dr. Jack D. L. Holmes, director of the Louisiana Collection Series on Colonial Louisiana, and John Wilson, a graduate student at the University of South Florida. For further information, contact the managing editor, *Tampa Bay History*, Department of History, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 33620, or call 813-974-2807. *Tampa Bay History* is published semi-annually by the Department of History and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of South Florida.

*The Sunland Tribune*, published by the Tampa Historical Society, is soliciting papers for its 1983 issue. The deadline for all papers is September 1, 1983. Articles must include a list of sources, and photographs, if included, must be identified. For information write Howell McKay, 245 South Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33606.

*The Southern Quarterly: A Journal of the Arts in the South* is seeking articles for a special issue on the oratorical, aesthetic, ritual, and musical dimensions of black religion in the American South during the twentieth century. Articles may be based on a wide variety of research methods, including participant-observation, rhetorical analysis of sermons, testimony sessions or other events, archival retrieval, and photography. Scholars interested in contributing to the volume should submit an outline and a short statement describing the prospective article by November 1, 1983, to Professor Hans A. Baer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Box 5074, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 39406.

*The Okaloosa Genealogical Journal* (Summer 1983), includes an article on "The History of St. Andrews by the Sea Episcopal Church of Destin, Florida," by Sandra S. Gilliland, president of the Society. The Society meets monthly in Fort Walton Beach at the Valpariso Community Library. Fort Walton Beach Public Library is the depository for the society's library materials. The society is interested in acquiring family histories and genealogical data relating to northwest Florida and southwest Alabama. For information write Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County, Box 1175, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549.

*The Journal of the Florida Medical Association* has been chosen as the outstanding state medical journal in the United States for 1982. Dr. Daniel B. Nunn of Jacksonville is editor of the monthly publication. The August 1982 issue was devoted to a history of medicine in Florida, with Dr. William M. Straight of Miami serving as historical editor. The historical issue carried articles by Dr. Mark V. Barrow, Sr., Gainesville; Dr. E. Ashby Hammond, University of Florida; Dr. Todd L. Savitt, East Carolina University School of Medicine; Dr. William W. Cox and

Roger J. Evans, Collier County; Dr. Franz H. Stewart, Miami; the Robb House Committee, Gainesville; and Dr. Straight.

Hampton Dunn was honored by the Florida Library Association at its annual convention in April 1983 for the contribution of his Floridiana collection to the University of South Florida. Mr. Dunn is a member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society and the author of a many books on Florida history. His gift to the University of South Florida includes historical photographs, maps, documents, letters, clippings, books, negatives and slides, manuscripts, notes, and other data which will provide important primary source material for scholarly research.

The June 1983 issue of the *Orange County Historical Quarterly* includes an article on Rex Beach, the American writer, who grew up in Florida and who attended Rollins College in Winter Park. He was active in raising funds for Rollins College, and in his will left \$100,000 to establish a student loan fund at Rollins. There is a building on the campus named Rex Beach Hall.

The Thronateeska Heritage Foundation of Albany, Georgia, announces the publication of the *Journal of Southwest Georgia History*. The first of three annual periodicals will appear in 1983. The editor solicits documented articles, book reviews, and edited documents. Contributions and inquiries should be sent to Dr. Lee W. Formwalt, editor, Department of History, Albany State College, Albany, Georgia 31705. Subscriptions to the *Journal* are \$10.00, and checks should be sent to the Thronateeska Heritage Foundation, 100 Roosevelt Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31701.

For the first comprehensive edition of the papers of Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902) and Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906), co-founders of the American women's rights movement, an effort is being made to locate all available material. A complete collection of Stanton's and Anthony's papers in microfilm and a selected letterpress edition of four or five volumes will result. The editors, Patricia G. Holland and Ann D. Gordon, are looking for correspondence both to and from Stanton and Anthony, texts of

their speeches as reported in newspapers, as well as in manuscript form, records of their principle organizations, and diaries, legal papers, account books, and articles prepared for periodicals. Stanton and Anthony travelled and lectured in the South, and they corresponded with many people living in the South, including Flora M. Wright of Drayton Island, Florida. The project is being sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Rockefeller Foundation, the University of Massachusetts, and members of the Stanton family. Anyone having papers or information, are asked to write to the editors, 303 New Africa House, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts 01003.

#### *Announcements and Activities*

The Florida Genealogical Society is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. It was organized in the Hillsborough County Courthouse, Tampa, on January 8, 1958. Mrs. John Branch was the first president. A brief history of the society is included in the recent issue of the organization's *Journal*. For information on publications and membership, write the Society at Box 18624, Tampa, Florida 33679.

The University of Florida Gallery and the University's Center for Latin American Studies has acquired an important and rare set of forty-seven wash drawings, depicting scenes in Florida, Cuba, and Mexico in the late nineteenth century. Created by the artist-reporter Frank Taylor for use in *Harpers Weekly*, the works depict the highlights of President Ulysses S. Grant's official tour of these areas in 1880. Especially dramatic are scenes of Fernandina and St. Augustine; Havana and its environs in Cuba; and Veracruz, Orizaba, and Mexico City in Mexico. The Gallery is planning a major exhibition featuring these unique works of art which relate so directly to Florida history.

The Historical Association of Southern Florida held its annual meeting at the auditorium of the Museum of Science in May 31, 1983. James W. Apthorp was elected president for 1983-1984. Other officers elected include Linda Sears D'Alemberte, Marcia J. Kanner, Kathy Ezell, and Joseph H. Pero, Jr.



The Florida Aviation Historical Society was organized in 1975 by a group of pioneer airmen interested in preserving aviation history. A corporation charter was approved in 1981. Anyone interested in aviation history is invited to join. Dues are \$5.00. The Society issues a monthly newsletter. It has published two books: *Florida's Aviation History, The First One Hundred Years*, and *The World's First Airline, The St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line*. The society has constructed a replica of the original first airliner to fly over Tampa Bay. The replica will be flown on January 1, 1984, to mark the seventieth anniversary of the original flight in Pinellas County. For information write Box 127, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida 33535.

An estimated 2,000 pages of Florida folklore materials have been deposited in the Florida Folklife Archives. The collection includes songs, proverbs, jargon, anecdotes, stories, home remedies, superstitions, and songs.

Collecting and research continues at the Seminole/Micosukee Photographic Archive. Begun in 1972, this privately sponsored archive now contains over 1,200 photographic images from 1855 to the present. The Archive is for research about the Florida Indians and by Seminole and Micosukee individuals for their own personal genealogical purposes. An identification project booth is maintained at major Florida Indian events throughout the year. For information contact Patsy West, 1447 S.W. Grand Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312.

The Jacksonville Historical Society is developing an oral history project under the direction of Dr. G. Gladstone Rogers. Suggestions for interviewees are welcomed. Inquiries should be directed to William M. Bliss, president, or to the society at Box 6222, Jacksonville, Florida 32205.

Newly-elected officers of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County are Linda M. Cothes, president; James R. Knott, president emeritus; Chuck Potter and Arthur Fowler, vice presidents; Anne Reynolds, secretary; and Bertram Shapero, treasurer.

The Florida Folklore Society invites all persons involved in

the study and appreciation of Florida's folk heritage to become members. The society serves scholars, folklorists, and interested citizens by providing a vehicle for the exchange of ideas as well as the formal study of folk culture and history. Write to Florida Folklore Society, C/O L. Pat Waterman, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 32620.

The Agricultural History Society, University of Missouri-Columbia, and the Soil Conservation Service, Missouri, announce a symposium on the history of soil and water conservation at Columbia, Missouri, May 24-26, 1984. Susan Flader of the University of Missouri and Douglas Helms of SCS are the symposium coordinators. Submit proposals and requests for information to Mr. Helms, Box 2890, Washington, D.C. 20011, by September 10, 1983.

The Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi, has begun a major research project to locate and document southern folk art. Folklorists, curators, and other scholars are invited to inform the research team about arts which should be photographed and documented and about artists who should be interviewed. The project calls for compiling a comprehensive index to collections of southern folk art as well as a bibliography of books, articles, films, and slides on the subject. A comprehensive study of eleven states is planned. Florida is one of the states included in the survey. Persons interested in contributing information may write to Southern Folk Art Research, Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi, 38677.

The Southeastern America 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, 1982, and August 31, 1983, by a member of SEASECS or a person living or working in the SEASECS area, which includes Florida. The interdisciplinary appeal of the essay will be considered, but will not be the sole determinant of the award. Individuals may submit their own work or the work of others. Submit essay in triplicate, postmarked

no later than November 1, 1983, to Professor Robert M. Weir, Department of History, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina 29206. The winner of the 1982 award was Dr. Melvyn New of the University of Florida.

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Sept. 29- Oct. 2	Oral History Association	Seattle, WA
Oct. 4-7	American Association for State and Local History	Victoria, B.C.
Oct. 26-30	National Trust for Historic Preservation	San Antonio, TX
Nov. 9-12	Southern Historical Association	Charleston, SC
Nov. 11-12	Florida Genealogical Society	Lakeland, FL
Dec. 3-4	Southern Jewish Historical Society	Savannah, GA
Dec. 27-30	American Historical Association	San Francisco, CA
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May 3	Florida Historical Confederation	Fort Myers, FL
May 4-5	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 82nd MEETING	Fort Myers, FL