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HISTORY NEWS

Historic American Building Survey

The Historic American Building Survey is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. Since 1933, HABS has been documenting the architectural heritage of the United States, producing and collecting measured drawings, professional photographs, and written data. HABS was organized both to preserve buildings through documentation and to provide work for architects during the Depression era. In Florida, the HABS program was begun in Miami and St. Augustine. Fort Dallas in Miami and the Castillo de San Marcos and the Fatio House in St. Augustine were documented in the 1930s. HABS renewed its activities in Florida under the direction of Professor F. Blair Reeves and his colleagues and students in the College of Architecture, University of Florida. With the help of students, a windshield survey inventoried significant and historic architecture in the area between Lake City and Pensacola. Students from the University of Florida and University of Miami then began documenting buildings of all types in the St. Augustine, Pensacola, and Key West areas. In the period 1972-1976, with support from the Florida Bicentennial Commission, the cities of Jacksonville, Fernandina Beach, Tampa, and Pensacola developed HABS programs in their own communities and produced valuable documentary material. A traveling exhibit of Florida's historic architecture, largely composed of HABS photographs, was cosponsored by the Florida Bicentennial Commission and the Florida Association of American Institute of Architects during the 1970s. To celebrate HABS's fiftieth anniversary Professor Reeves and students from the University of Florida organized an exhibit of HABS photographs in the Old Capitol, Tallahassee in the fall of 1983.

Society of Florida Archivists

The Society of Florida Archivists, Inc., was organized in Daytona Beach, May 5, 1983. Twenty-one people attended this first annual meeting, and elected Carla M. Kemp, archives supervisor of the public records section of the Florida State Archives, Talla-

hassee, as president. Gerard Clark, Florida State Archives, is vice-president and president-elect, and Ann G. Foshee, Robert L. Strozier Library, Florida State University, is secretary-treasurer. Rebecca Smith, curator of research materials, Historical Association of Southern Florida, and Larry Stallings, director of library and college archives, Florida Southern College, are the members of the executive board. The Society issued its first newsletter in October 1983. Annual membership is \$10.00. For information, write Society of Florida Archivists, Florida State Archives, Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Department of State, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Announcements and Activities

During the fifth annual meeting of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation in Miami in November, Secretary of State George Firestone presented six awards in three categories. For distinguished service in the field of preservation, Albert C. Manucy of St. Augustine was recognized for his important work over the years "illuminating the structural and artifactual heritage of St. Augustine." Honors also went to the state of Florida for its restoration of the Old Capitol and to Shephard Associates, the project's architect. The city of Coral Gables was recognized for its efforts to preserve the Biltmore Hotel. The three awards in the category of outstanding restoration for adaptive use went to the Alamo at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami and to Shepard Associates, the project's architect; to the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association, and to Russell and Axon, engineers project architect; and to Alex and Marlene Lancaster for their restoration of the de-Canizares/Lancaster House, Sarasota, for use as law offices.

Secretary of State George Firestone has appointed the following as members of the Historic Florida Preservation Advisory Council: Olive D. Peterson, Fort Pierce; Harry Cunningham, Naples; Robert G. Graff, Tallahassee; J. Earle Bowden, Pensacola; Katherine Horn Dickenson, Boca Raton; Clarence F. Frazier, Jacksonville; Dr. Roy Hunt, Gainesville; Jane Jennewein, Tampa; and Donald D. Slesnick, Coral Gables.

Dr. Donald W. Curl, Florida Atlantic University, has received a research grant from the American Association for State and Local History to study architecture and society in Palm Beach in the period 1872-1941. Dr. Harry A. Kersey, Jr., Florida Atlantic University, is the recipient also of an AASLH grant to interview Florida Seminole elders regarding their New Deal era experiences and to assess the impact of federal policies on the tribe's acculturation.

Frank and Ann Thomas have recorded a third volume of original Florida songs. The lyrics are based upon events in Florida history and the state's cracker culture. For information write the composers at Box 1271, Lake Wales, FL 33853.

The following matching grants-in-aid have been awarded from federal funds allocated to Florida by the JOBS Act: to the city of Lakeland, to aid in the restoration of Lake Mirror Promenade; University of Tampa, to aid in restoring the minarets and cupolas of the Tampa Bay Hotel; Junior Service League of St. Augustine, to rehabilitate the St. Augustine Lighthouse keeper's cottage; Dade Heritage Trust, to aid in restoring Dr. James Jackson's medical office; Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, for restoration of the George W. Barkley House; Boca Raton Historical Society, to restore the old city hall; Gulf Coast Heritage Association, for restoration and preservation of the Osprey Archaeological and Historic Site; city of Eustis, to restore the Clifford Taylor House; Franklin County school system, to restore the auditorium at Chapman Elementary School; Key West Art and Historical Society, for rehabilitation of East Martello Gallery; East Hillsborough Historical Society, to rehabilitate Plant City high school; Metropolitan Dade County Park and Recreation Department, to construct an environmental control system at Vizcaya; and the Arts Assembly of Jacksonville, to preserve the Florida Theatre.

The Florida Aviation Historical Society and the Greater St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, on January 1, 1984, commemorated the seventieth anniversary of the flight of the *Benoist*, the world's first scheduled airline flight which took place on January 1, 1914, between St. Petersburg and Tampa. There was a reenactment of this flight at the waterfront in St. Petersburg. Members

of the families of the original participants of the flight were present.

The Tampa Historical Society held its annual banquet at the Palma Ceia Golf and Country Club on the evening of December 7. Marjory Stoneman Douglas of Coconut Grove was the guest speaker. She was also presented with the D. B. McKay Award for her notable contributions to Florida history and to the preservation of the Everglades and the Florida environment. The authors of *Tampa, The Treasure City*, Dr. Gary Mormino and Tony Pizza, were present to autograph their book. This volume was published by Continental Heritage Press in cooperation with the Tampa Historical Society.

The T. T. Wentworth, Jr., Museum Collection was formally transferred, in October 1983, to the state of Florida through the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board. The Wentworth collection is the largest and richest relating to Pensacola, Escambia County, and West Florida in the state. It is being catalogued by Norman Simons, curator of the Pensacola Historical Museum, and Russell Belous. It is planned that the Pensacola City Hall will become the location for the collection.

The St. Augustine Historical Society held an autograph party on November 20 in the Oldest House gardens to honor the authors of *The Oldest City—St. Augustine, Saga of Survival*. Contributing to this volume were John W. Griffin, Amy Bushnell, Jean Parker Waterbury, Daniel L. Schafer, Patricia C. Griffin, George E. Buker, Thomas Graham, and Robert N. Dow, Jr. The cartography is by Charles S. Coomes and the cover design of the soft-cover edition is by Joseph S. Mark.

The Norton Gallery of Art, West Palm Beach, held a symposium, "The Sun and The Shade: Florida Photography, 1885-1983," on December 3, 1983, in conjunction with an exhibition of the same title. Speakers and topics included Joan Morris, "The Florida Photographic Collection: Images of the Early Twentieth Century"; Marion Post-Walcott, "The Farm Security Administration and My Work in Florida"; Jack B. Moore, "The Burgerert Brothers, Artists in the Marketplace"; Jerry Uelsmann, "Florida

Photography: Process and Perception"; and Patsy West, "Seminoles: The Positive Image."

The Alachua County Historical Commission has published the first map in its Historic Tours series. It covers the communities of Melrose, Waldo, and Earlton. The maps are marked, and there is a picture of each historic site, together with a short description of the property. Maps are free and will be distributed at various public places in the county. Members of the Alachua County Historical Commission include Helen C. Ellerbe, chairperson, Melanie Barr, Mark Barrow, Merlin Cox, Marinus Latour, Horace Leland, Jack Opdyke, Bill Warinner, and Wayne Wells.

The North American Society for Sport History will hold its twelfth annual convention on the Shelby campus of the University of Louisville, May 19-21, 1984. Those interested in sport history are invited to attend. For information write Ronald Smith, 101 White Building, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802.

Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, will hold its annual Florida conference March 24, 1984, at Barry University, Miami. The conference will consist of student papers at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, with prizes awarded to the best papers. Society student members are invited to submit papers.

Florida College Teachers of History annual meeting will be held March 15 and 16, 1984, at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach. Proposals for papers or panels may be submitted to Joseph E. Taylor, Division of Social Science, Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL 32015.

The Department of History, University of Florida, will host a conference for Florida high school history teachers, June 11-15, 1984. It will feature seminars provided by the history department faculty. Twenty teachers will be accepted. Conference participants will earn two credits toward recertification. There will be an honorarium for each participant. The registration fee is \$15.00. For information, contact Dr. Robert Hatch, Department of History, 4131 GPA, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

A conference on Migration and Ethnicity in post-World War II America will be held at the University of Florida, April 26-28, 1984. It will examine the impact of migration of ethnics to the Sun Belt (especially Florida) on ethnicity. Identities, institutions, and migration patterns will be among the topics discussed. For information write Dr. George Pozzetta, Department of History, 4131 GPA, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

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March 15-16	Florida College Teachers of History Meeting	Daytona Beach, FL
March 24	Florida Maritime Heritage Conference	Silver Springs, FL
March 24	Phi Alpha Theta State Conference	Miami, FL
April 4-7	Organization of American Historians Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
April 20-21	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola, FL
April 26-28	Migration and Ethnicity Conference	Gainesville, FL
April 27-29	Florida Anthropological Society Meeting	Palm Beach, FL
May 3	Florida Historical Confederation	Fort Myers, FL
May 4-5	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 82nd MEETING	Fort Myers, FL
June 11-15	Florida History Teacher Workshop	Gainesville, FL