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HISTORY NEWS

The Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Fort Myers on May 4-5, 1984. The Holiday Inn/Holidome-Riverfront, 2066 West First Street, is the convention hotel. Linda Ellsworth and her program committee— Marcia Kanner, Wright Langley, Kyle VanLandingham, and Dr. J. Leitch Wright— have organized three sessions. The first, “Aviation in Florida,” will have Kendrick T. Ford as chairman. Presenting papers are Warren J. Brown of the Florida Aviation Historical Society and Dr. George Pearce, University of West Florida. The second session will be a “Historical Introduction to Southwest Florida,” and the speakers are Janet Snyder Matthews of Sarasota and Robert Halgrim of the Edison Winter Home and Estate. Ernest Hall will be the chairman for the session. Session III on Saturday morning will have three speakers presenting papers on the theme “Naturalists View Florida.” Randy Nimmicht is the chairman, and the speakers are Dr. Robert R. Rea, Auburn University; Kathryn Hall Proby, Key West; and Dr. Charlotte M. Porter, Florida State Museum.

Gerald George, director of the American Association for State and Local History, will speak on “Parochialism: A Defense” at the banquet on Friday evening. The History Fair awards and the three literary prizes given by the Society will be announced at the banquet. Patricia Wickman will present also the first annual Florida Historical Confederation Award at that time. President Olive Peterson will preside.

Members will have a choice of three tours on Saturday afternoon: the Edison Winter Home, Fort Myers Historical Museum, and a Fort Myers guided walking tour. The Society’s board of directors will hold its business meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the convention hotel. The annual meeting of the membership is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5. The exhibits submitted for Florida History Fair awards will be on exhibit throughout the convention along with book exhibits. The Fort Myers Historical Museum and the Southwest Florida Historical Society are the host organizations.

Florida Historical Confederation

The Confederation will be holding its annual meeting in conjunction with the Florida Historical Society's convention on May 3, 1984. Activities will also be in the Holiday Inn/Holidome-Riverfront. "Communicating our Needs" has been selected as the conference theme, and four sessions are planned. The first, a panel entitled "Agency Overlap: Your Turf or Mine?" will be moderated by Patricia R. Wickman, Museum of Florida History. Discussants are Daniel T. Hobby, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society; Marcy-Jean Mattson, St. Augustine Historical Society; and L. Ross Morrell, Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management. Session II, "Big Museum, Small Museum— What do They Have in Common?" will be moderated by Linda K. Williams, Historical Association of Southern Florida. Robert C. Cottrell, Crowley Museum and Natures Center, and Lane Green, Tallahassee Junior Museum, will make presentations. The third session discusses "Insuring Your Museum: Knowing Your Agent," and will involve M. S. (Rusty) Keeney of the William D. Eisele Company, and Patricia Bartlett, Fort Myers Historical Museum. The fourth session, "Assessing Archival Needs for Florida Institutions," will include Edward Tribble, State Archivist, and Samuel J. Boldrick, Miami-Dade Public Library.

The Confederation will convene its business meeting at the luncheon on Thursday, May 3, 1984. The announcement of the first annual award will be made, the award to be presented at the Society banquet on Friday evening. Patricia Wickman, chair of the Confederation's Executive Committee, will preside at the meeting.

Society of Florida Archivists

The Society, which was organized in May 1983, will be holding its annual meeting again this year in conjunction with the Florida Historical Society and the Confederation. The meeting and a workshop on Basic Archives Management will take place on May 2 and 3, 1984, at the Holiday Inn, Fort Myers. The workshop is free to members of the Society. The cost is \$10.00 to non-members if they pre-register, and \$15.00 at the door. The fee will provide a one-year membership in the Society. For information and to register, write to S.F.A., Florida State Archives, Division of

Archives, History and Records Management, Department of State,
Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference

The tenth Gulf Coast conference will be held at the Seville Inn and Pensacola Museum of Art, April 19-21, 1984. The theme is "Threads of Tradition and Culture Along the Gulf Coast." Dr. William S. Coker, University of West Florida, is general chairman. Two award-winning plays will be presented. *The Cypress Baby* by John Sweet will be performed on Thursday, April 19, at the Seville Inn. *The Chess Game*, by James Finneran, will be performed the following evening at the Pensacola Museum of Art. All other sessions will be at the Museum. Registration is being handled by Dr. Grace Ernest, Department of History, Pensacola Junior College, 1000 College Boulevard, Pensacola, Florida 32504. Registration is \$15.00 and includes a copy of the published proceedings.

Military History Conference

The tenth annual conference of the Council on America's Military Past will be held April 25-28, 1984, at Jacksonville Beach. The Sheraton Jacksonville Beach Resort is the conference hotel. Congressman Charles E. Bennett will be the banquet speaker, and Dr. John K. Mahon, University of Florida and former president of the Florida Historical Society, will speak at the dinner being held jointly with the American Military Institute. Dr. Mahon's topic is "How the Participants of the Florida Indian Wars Viewed Each Other." Several of the programs relate to Florida and the Southeast. There are trips scheduled for St. Augustine and Fernandina Beach. For information, write Camp Conference, Box 171, Arlington, Virginia 22210.

Preservation Day

Florida's second annual Preservation Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 1984. National Preservation Week is May 13-19. The national theme for 1984 is "Preservation is Taking Care of America." The purpose of Preservation Week is to make the general public and members of the legislature aware of the major contributions that historic buildings and districts make to

the prosperity of America's communities. Tallahassee's events will begin with a briefing session on important 1984 legislation. The main event will be a luncheon on the plaza between the Old and New Capitols with members of the legislature as special guests. This will be followed by a wrap-up session. For information contact the Florida Trust office at (904) 224-8128 or the Bureau of Historic Preservation (904) 487-2333.

Tampa Bay History Essay Contest

Walter Howard, a graduate student at Florida State University, is the 1983 first prize winner in the University of South Florida's *Tampa Bay History* magazine essay contest. His essay, "A Blot on Tampa's History: The Lynching of Robert Johnson," will be published in *Tampa Bay History*. Dr. Darryl Paulson, Department of History, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg campus, and Milly St. Julien, an undergraduate at the University of South Florida, were second prize winners. Entries for the third annual contest should be submitted by September 1, 1984, to Dr. Robert P. Ingalls, editor of *Tampa Bay History*. The essays should be based on previously unpublished historical research of a subject concerning the fifteen-county area surrounding Tampa. The editor's address is the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 33620. The first prize winner will receive \$100; the second prize is \$50.00.

Historical Museum

The new Historical Museum of Southern Florida, located in the Metro-Dade Cultural Center, was opened on April 13. It is the largest private regional history museum in the Southeast. Its permanent exhibits present the history of south Florida and are entitled "Tropical Dreams: A People History of South Florida." All exhibits are bilingual, multi-imaged, and utilize live demonstrations and participatory games. The Museum will exhibit its rare John James Audubon prints. There is also a research center with over 7,000 artifacts and nearly 100,000 photographs. The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Thursday the hours are 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m. There is a small admission charge.

Timucua

The Florida Gulf Coast Archaeological Project announces the publication of a new Florida monograph series titled *Timucua*. It will appear twice a year, in the months of January and July, commencing with the first issue in January 1985. Each number will contain approximately 200 pages. The purpose of the journal is to serve as a central clearinghouse for data-based technical material which relate to the Timucua Indians. Manuscripts—articles or monographs—in the fields of archeology, ethnography, ethnology, ethnohistory, history, linguistics, and physical anthropology are solicited by the editor, Dr. Julian Granberry. Subscriptions to the journal are \$25.00 a year and must be pre-paid. Inquiries on manuscripts or subscriptions should be addressed to the editor: Box 85, Horseshoe Beach, Florida 32648.

Announcements and Activities

The Department of History, University of Florida, is sponsoring a three-day institute on "Migration to the Sunbelt," April 26-28, 1984. The focus will be on the impact of migration since World War II on ethnicity in Florida and other Sunbelt states. The purpose is to direct scholarly attention to this aspect of Sunbelt growth. The papers will assess matters relating to institutional identity changes among ethnic groups—particularly Italian, Jewish, Canadian, Hispanic, and Asian— which have been involved in this migration. The sessions are open to the public and will be structured in an informal round-table format. Dr. George E. Pozzetta is Institute director, and one should write for information to him, Department of History, 4131 GPA, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

The Florida Armchair Researcher, edited by Brian E. Michaels, has issued its first number. The inaugural publication includes articles by Edward J. Tribble, Florida State Archives; Eileen B. Willis, Orlando Public Library; Beverly P. Byrd, State Library of Florida; Elizabeth McCall, Florida State Genealogical Society; and La Viece Smallwood, Jacksonville *Times-Union and Journal*. It also includes a 1845 list of Leon County voters, a listing of Hillsborough County Confederate pension claims, and historical data on Florida soldiers who participated in the Second Seminole

War and the Civil War. Subsequent issues will include information on cemetery, church, Bible and will records, guardianships, estates and other probate records, births, marriages, census and tax records, court minutes, and other data. A subscription to the *Florida Armchair Researcher* is \$15.00 for one year, or \$27.50 for two years. Mr. Michaels, the editor, is also editor of the Putnam County Genealogical Society's quarterly journal. Subscriptions should be mailed to Armchair Publications, Route 2, Box 895, Hampton, Georgia 30228.

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation has established a speakers bureau which will offer interested organizations two basic programs. The first is a slide-tape presentation that gives a brief overview of preservation activity in Florida. The second is a video cassette of Mrs. Evelyn Bartlett discussing her life and the Bonnet House, which she has donated to the Trust. For information, write Tavia McCuean, Box 11206, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

The restoration of the Union Bank in Tallahassee is nearing completion. The 1841 building is historically and architecturally significant. It is one of Tallahassee's oldest structures and is its only known example of Territorial period commercial architecture. The Union Bank was moved from its original location on Adams Street to its present site near the Old Capitol. It will serve as a visitors hospitality center.

The Florida Gulf Coast Archaeological Project announces a Florida Archaeological Field School at the Fishbone Creek Site in Dixie County, Florida. There will be four sessions: June 4-16, June 18-30, July 9-21, and July 23-August 4, 1984. The site is a prehistoric Indian village and burial site located five miles north of the mouth of the Suwannee River. For information on costs, staff, programing, accommodations, and educational credits, contact Dr. Julian Granberry, director, Box 85, Horseshoe Beach, Florida 32648.

The West Florida Genealogical Society was organized in 1982 and has 325 members. It sponsors monthly meetings, workshops, a monthly "Genealogy of America" series, and publishes a news-

letter. The Society is compiling a list of all markers and cemeteries in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. It is also indexing the 1870 Escambia County census. Dues are \$8.00 per year. For information, write the Society, Box 947, Pensacola, Florida 32594.

The State Library of Florida has transferred its genealogy collection to the Florida State Archives. It includes over 2,000 reels of microfilm and 5,500 volumes. Combined with the microfilm holdings and original records in the State Archives it will be one of the most complete genealogical resources in the state. The Archives is open to researchers Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Requests for inter-library loans of genealogical materials should be addressed to Archives, Department of State, R. A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

The Genealogical Society of Greater Miami has begun circulation on a limited trial basis of its library collection. For information write the Society, Box 541607, Opa-locka, Florida 33054. The winter issue of *Heritage*, the Society's quarterly bulletin, lists among its articles, burials in the Miami City Cemetery, listing name, age at time of death, and grave location.

The Florida Anthropological Society's Ripley P. Bullen Award for 1983 has been presented to Calvin Jones, Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management. Louis Tesar, also of the Division of Archives, History and Records Management, has been appointed editor of the Society's journal, *Florida Anthropologist*, succeeding Robert Carr. Articles should be submitted to Mr. Tesar, Route 1, Box 209-F, Quincy, Florida 32351.

The North Carolina Historical Review: Fifty-Year Index, 1924-1973, edited by Beth Gilbert Crabtree and Ruth Clow Langston, has been published by the North Carolina Division of Archives and History. The cost is \$30.00, plus \$1.50 for postage. Order from the Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

The Mobile, Alabama, Municipal Archives has been es-

tablished and is available for use. It contains the extant public records for the city, dating from its creation as a municipality by the Mississippi Territory in 1814. There are no private manuscripts in the Archives, and it accesses no records other than those produced by municipal agencies. Jay Higginbotham is archivist, and inquiries should be directed to him: Brookley Industrial Complex, Building 11, Box 1827, Mobile, Alabama 36633, (205) 438-7398.

The annual meeting of the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies will be held at Athens, Georgia, on March 7-9, 1985. Proposals for papers on any eighteenth-century topic are solicited. The Society is interdisciplinary, and its members are interested in history, geography, literature, drama, art, music, philosophy, economics, and political science. A two-page prospectus containing the theme of a proposed paper and the way it will be developed should be submitted by July 1, 1984, to Dr. Carl R. Kropf, Department of English, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Obituaries

Senator D. Robert Williams

D. Robert Williams, former member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society, died on November 15, 1983, in Tallahassee after a long illness. He was sixty-four. Williams was a teacher and high school principal before World War II, and after his release from service he entered business and politics in west Florida. He served in the Florida legislature, first as a member of the House in 1961-1962, and then as a senator, 1962-1966. He was appointed executive director of the Board of Archives and History in 1966. When the board became the Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Williams became its first director. He was also State Historical Preservation Officer. He was president of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers for three years, and was an active participant in many state, regional, and national organizations involved in state and local history, historic preservation, and manuscript and artifact conservation. As an active member of the Florida Historical Society, he worked to develop interest

in the need to teach, research, and write the history of Florida. Under his leadership Florida's archives program became recognized nationally, and he was instrumental in the establishment of the Museum of Florida History in Tallahassee. He played a leadership role in the move to save and restore the Old Capitol and to develop it as an interpretative museum for the people of the state.

Donald A. Cheney

Judge Donald A. Cheney died in October 1983, in Orlando. He was in his ninety-fourth year. Judge Cheney grew up in Orlando, was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1911, and became Orange County's first juvenile judge in 1924. He played a role in Orlando and Orange County in encouraging the preservation of local and state history. He served as chairman of the Orange County Historical Commission, and he was active in the Orange County Historical Society and the Florida Historical Society. One of his most successful efforts was the establishment of the Orange County Historical Museum, recognized as one of the major history museums in the state.

Watt Pearson Marchman

Watt Pearson Marchman died on October 10, 1983, at Fremont, Ohio. For more than three decades he was director of the Rutherford B. and Lucy Webb Hayes Foundation and the Hayes Presidential Museum and Library in Fremont. Earlier, 1940-1942, Mr. Marchman had served as corresponding secretary and librarian of the Florida Historical Society when the Society had its offices in St. Augustine. Mr. Marchman was also involved at the time in the editing of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. He was a graduate of Summerlin Institute in Bartow, Florida, and graduated from Rollins College. He held a master's degree from Duke University. Mr. Marchman had been honored by Rollins with its Distinguished Alumnus Award. He received many other awards and recognitions from local, state, and regional libraries and historical agencies. He was the author of several articles and three Hayes Museum booklets. Mr. Marchman continued his interest in Florida history and the Florida Historical Society throughout his life.

Richard K. Murdoch

Richard Kenneth Murdoch died January 20, 1984, at Marietta, Georgia, after a long illness. After completing his undergraduate program at Harvard, he received his master of arts degree in 1940 and his Ph.D. in 1947 from the University of California at Los Angeles. He was professor of history at the University of Georgia. His specialty was Latin American history, with publication concentrated in the Spanish Borderlands in the southeastern United States. His major work was *The Georgia-Florida Frontier, 1793-1796: Spanish Reaction to French Intrigue and American Design*. Dr. Murdoch's articles and book reviews were published in many scholarly journals including the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

Addie Emerson

Addie Holmes Emerson, director of the St. Lucie County Historical Museum, died in Fort Pierce on November 2, 1983. She was a native of Florida, born in Fort Drum in 1901. She became director of the Historical Museum in 1968, and under her direction it became one of the most visited sites in the county. She was active both in the St. Lucie Historical Society and the Florida Historical Society.