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HISTORY NEWS

Governor's Mansion Library

The Governor's Mansion Foundation is in the process of establishing a small Florida library in the Governor's Mansion in Tallahassee. The collection will consist of quality books, including fiction and non-fiction. The Foundation welcomes gifts of books, particularly those relating to important personalities and events in Florida history. A personal inscription is encouraged. Contributions should be sent directly to the Governor's Mansion, 700 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Awards

The Tampa Historical Society awarded its D. B. McKay Award for 1985 to former Governor LeRoy Collins at a banquet in Tampa in November. It recognized Governor Collins's distinguished contributions to the history, heritage, and culture of Florida. Governor Collins is the author of *Forerunners Courageous*, a book on Florida history. The D. B. McKay Award is named for the former mayor of Tampa who was also publisher of the *Tampa Daily Times*.

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation presented its Preservationist of the Year Award to J. Earle Bowden at its annual meeting in Pensacola, September 14, 1985. Mr. Bowden, editor of *Pensacola News Journal*, is a member of the Florida Historical Society board of directors. He is also chairman of the Pensacola Preservation Board, City of Pensacola Architectural Review Board, he serves on the Florida Advisory Council on Historical Preservation, and is president of the Pensacola Historical Society.

In April 1985, the Florida Cabinet recognized Professor E. L. Roy Hunt, president of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, for his contributions to the growth of the preservation movement in Florida. He was commended for his activities locally and nationally. Professor Hunt implemented the preservation law program at the University of Florida Law Center, and he has been active in preservation activities in Gainesville. He

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was also the recipient of the Florida Trust "Distinguished Service Award" in 1982.

Announcements and Activities

The Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee, is planning a special exhibit on Osceola, and is searching for material relating to his life and activities in Florida during the Second Seminole War. "Osceola's Legacy" is the working title of the exhibit. The project will focus on artifacts once belonging to Osceola which may still be in existence. Anyone having information is asked to write to Patricia Wickman, Senior Curator, Museum of Florida History, R. A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

The St. Augustine Historical Society Library has received from the city of St. Augustine original city papers dating from 1821. These include city council and commission minutes, municipal court documents, ordinances, tax rolls, licenses, and city department records. The materials have been assorted and classified and are available to researchers. The library, under the direction of Jackie Fretwell, is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The library includes major manuscript collections relating to St. Augustine and Florida history from the first Spanish period to the present.

A museum source book is currently in preparation. It is designed to serve historical museums in Florida, outlining types of sources for developing programs, exhibitions, administration, research, and collection information. It will list products and services which can help museums with general or specific needs. For further information write Susan Clack, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, Box 1987, St. Augustine, FL 32085.

The Gulf Coast Historical Review is a new publication of the Department of History, University of South Alabama. It will include scholarly articles, book reviews, and essays relating to old photographs and historic landmarks, and it will reproduce important historic documents. The journal invites manuscripts from both professional and non-professional historians. The first issue included three articles: "Old Town, Young City: Early

American Mobile," by Harriett E. Amos; "The Long Road to Louisiana: Acadian Exiles and the *Britain Incident*," by Carl A. Brasseaux; and "Gainesville and Its *Advocate*: A Year in the Life of a Mississippi Frontier Town," by Lawrence J. Nelson. Dr. George Daniels is executive editor; Dr. Michael Thomason, managing editor; and Patricia G. Harrison, book review editor. The annual subscription to *Gulf Coast Historical Review* is \$10.00, and it may be ordered from the Department of History, Humanities Building 334, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688.

The Southern Association for Women Historians announces two publication prizes for 1987. The Julia Cherry Spruill Publication Prize will be awarded every two years for the best work, book, or article in southern women's history published between January 1, 1985, and December 31, 1986. The prize will be \$500.00. Authors, publishers, and third parties may submit manuscripts. To be eligible, manuscripts must be written in English, but the competition is not restricted to publications printed in the United States. No type of historical publication is excluded from consideration. One copy of each entry must be sent to each committee member no later than March 1, 1987. The committee includes Carol Bleser (chair), Department of History, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29631; Elizabeth Jacoway, #4 Dogwood Drive, Newport, AR 72112; and Jo Ann Carrigan, Department of History, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE 68132. All entries must be marked "Spruill Prize Entry." The Willie Lee Rose Publication Prize will be awarded every two years for the best book in southern history authored by a woman. The winner will receive a \$750.00 prize. The period of eligibility will include works published between January 1, 1985, and December 31, 1986. The same rules pertain to the Rose Publication Prize as the Spruill Publication Prize and the committee is the same. All entries must be marked "Rose Prize Entry,"

The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic will hold its eighth conference July 24-26, 1986, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. For program information write Dr. Barbara Oberg, Box 348-A, Baruch College, 17 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10010. Inquiries about mem-

bership in SHEAR should be directed to Dr. James H. Broussard, Department of History, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA 17003. Dues are \$15.00 annually and include a subscription to the *Journal of the Early Republic*.

The Jewish Studies Center, a part of the Southern Highlands Research Center of the University of North Carolina at Asheville, will hold a symposium on "Heritage: The Jewish Experience in the South", at the University on April 9-11, 1986. Proposals for papers should be sent to Dr. Ileana Grams, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Asheville, One University Heights, Asheville, NC 28804.

Production is complete on a thirty-minute video documentary of the folk traditions surrounding Florida's shrimping industry. The program, produced by the Department of State's Bureau of Florida Folklife Programs and WUFT-TV of Gainesville, was funded in part by a grant from the Florida Endowment for the Humanities. It examines the traditional maritime folk arts associated with Florida's commercial shrimping industry, including boat-building, net-making, and storytelling. Information was gathered in Fernandina Beach, St Augustine, Springfield, and Port St. Joe. For information about this program and other materials on traditional folk culture in Florida, write Florida Folklife Programs, Box 265, White Springs, FL 32096.

The annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society will be held in Gainesville on April 10, 11, and 12, 1986. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the fiftieth annual meeting of the Florida Academy of Science. The FAS invites applications for presentation of papers on all aspects of anthropology. Write to: Claudine Payne; Program Chair, 1820 NW 10th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS. . .

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Mar. 6-8	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola, FL
Mar. 6-8	Florida College Teachers of History	Jacksonville, FL
Apr. 9-12	Organization of American Historians	New York, NY
Apr. 10-12	Florida Anthropological Society and Florida Academy of Science	Gainesville, FL
Apr. 30	Society of Florida Archivists	Bradenton, FL
May 1	Florida Historical Confederation	Bradenton, FL
May 1-3	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY– 84th MEETING	Bradenton, FL
Sept. 30- Oct. 3	American Association for State and Local History	Oakland, CA
Oct. 23-25	Oral History Association	Long Beach, CA
Nov. 7-9	Southern Jewish Historical Association	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Nov. 12-15	Southern Historical Association	Charlotte, NC

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