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NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

FLORIDA MANUSCRIPT ACQUISITIONS AND ACCESSIONS

The following are recent manuscript acquisitions and accessions as reported by Florida universities, colleges, public libraries, and other institutions. Those interested in using particular collections should correspond with the library or archives in question.

The P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida, Gainesville, has added scattered issues of the following Florida newspapers to its microfilm collection: *Fort Pierce News*, 1906-1917; *St. Lucie Tribune*, 1905-1917; *Macclenny Baker County Press*, 1931-1946; *Okeechobee News*, 1928-1962; *Punta Gorda Herald*, 1926-1945; *Brunswick (Georgia) Advocate*, 1837-1839; *Milledgeville (Georgia) Federal Union*, 1830-1862; *Milledgeville Georgia Journal*, 1809-1840; *Milledgeville Georgia Statesman*, 1825-1830; *Milledgeville Georgia Times & States Rights Advocate*, 1833-1834; *Milledgeville Republican*, 1816; *Milledgeville Reflector*, 1817-1819; *Milledgeville Southern Recorder*, 1820-1861; *Milledgeville Standard of Union*, 1834-1841; *Milledgeville Statesman & Patriot*, 1825-1830; *Manatee River Journal*, 1888-1921; *Manatee River Journal and Bradenton Herald*, 1922-1925; *Braidenton News*, 1897-1898; *Bradenton Herald*, 1927-1928; *Bradenton Evening Journal*, 1914-1916; and *Bradenton Evening Herald*, 1922-1926. The library has added the papers of Abram Ormsbee Blanding, covering the period 1845-1881, and the papers of General Albert Hazen Blanding, for the years 1890-1951, to its manuscript collection. The Blanding papers relate to family and business matters, the National Guard, and phosphate mining. The library has also accessioned 499 reels of microfilm of the legajos from the Papeles de Cuba section of the Archive of the Indies in Seville. An additional 143 reels of film of Reales Cajas (treasury accounts) pertaining to West and East Florida have also been accessioned.

The Robert Manning Strozier Library, Florida State University, Tallahassee, has added scattered issues of the following newspapers: *Micanopy Cotton States*, 1860; *Augusta (Georgia) Daily Constitutionalist*, 1863; *Ocala East Florida Banner*, 1868; *Fer-*

nandina Courier, 1867; Tallahassee *Floridian and Journal*, 1863; Macon (Georgia) *Journal and Messenger*, 1865; and Key West *South Floridian*, 1838. The library has added to its manuscript collection the Richard Alan Nelson material relating to the motion picture industry in Florida, 1898-1980; the Mildred and Claude Pepper Papers, which cover the period from the 1920s to the present; and the Mary Elizabeth Thomas collection of Civil War papers, 1862-1865. The library has acquired a holograph map by A. Huger, *Seat of War in Florida*, 1864, and a number of rare books relating to Florida and the South.

The John C. Pace Library, University of West Florida, Pensacola, has acquired the following manuscripts and papers: aviation research files of Paul Deschenes with photographs, 1900-1970; Dicy Bowman Villar papers, 1966-1969; Snodgrass family papers pertaining to the history of Bagdad, Florida, 1871-1985; diaries of Etta McGill's life in Selma, Alabama, 1899-1908; William George Bruce papers, 1881-1978; James K. Polk research files on Pensacola history, 1800-1960; and color photographs from the January 1985 Space Shuttle Discovery mission. It has also received the business records of T. T. Todd Company, 1937-1943; St. John's Cemetery Company, 1892-1985; files of the Cantonment Rotary Club, 1948-1982; and plaintiff exhibit files of *McMillan v. Escambia County*, 1977. Microfilm records of the Tallahassee land office and the land commissioners of East and West Florida (1821-1824), pertaining to Spanish and British land claims have been acquired. The Santa Rosa County poll books, 1914-1950 have been added to the Library's government records collections.

The DuPont-Ball Library, Stetson University, has acquired the William C. Emerson manuscripts and photographs.

The Florida Collection of the Florida State Library has added the following microfilm items: miscellaneous pre-1900 Florida newspapers; *Manatee River Journal*, 1888-1921; Bradenton *Evening Journal*, 1915-1916; Bradenton *Evening Herald*, 1922-1926; *Bradenton Herald*, 1927-1928; *Bradentown News*, 1897-1898; and the *Manatee River Journal and Bradenton Herald*, 1922-1925. The Library has also acquired eighty photoreproductions of Second Seminole War maps.

The St. Augustine Historical Society has added to its manuscript collection: Arthur Leslie Plimpton's 1889 photo album

and diary; Dorothy N. Reynolds 1932 diary; city of St. Augustine papers and documents 1821-1985; Louis and Harriet Ravenel McClain papers, 1868-1952; minutes and papers of the Women's Exchange of St. Augustine, 1838-1959; and the Historic Florida Militia papers, 1976-1985. Also accessioned are the scrapbooks of the St. Augustine Little Theater, 1941-1945, and the American Association of University Women Branch History, Book II, 1976-1979. A manuscript copy of Harvey Brown's letter book, 1828-1842 and 1855-1856, and a typescript of Henry R. Remsen's journal and memorandum book, 1835, have been added to the library's holdings.

The Pensacola Historical Society has acquired the following manuscript items: *Pensacola Gazette*, 1830-1843, 1845-1954; will and probate of Dr. Eugenio Antonio Sierra, 1849; record of births in the United States Navy Hospital, 1917-1927; record of deaths in the United States Navy Hospital, 1876-1918; register of bodies removed from the Naval Reservation, 1931-1935; diary and letters of Dr. Francis B. Renshaw, 1849-1859; marriage ledgers of St. John's Catholic Church, 1850-1950; diary of a Confederate soldier at "East River Camp" written in French, 1861; and the diary of A. E. Quigley, 1861-1864. The Society has also acquired the "Map of Pensacola, Florida," published by Hooton & Watson, 1906.

The Monroe County May Hill Russell Library has added the following documents to its Florida collection: the papers of Thomas J. Ferguson, 1849-1850; two volumes of notes by William A. Whitehead; and a microfilm of Monroe County marriage records, 1872-1977.

Manatee County Central Library has added the following microfilm to its newspaper collection: *Manatee River Journal*, 1888-1921; *Manatee River Journal* and *Bradenton Herald*, 1922-1925; *Braidentown News*, 1897-1898; *Bradenton Herald*, 1927-1928; *Bradenton Evening Journal*, 1914-1916; and *Bradenton Evening Herald*, 1922-1926.

The Special Collections Department, Florida International University, has accessioned the masters theses written at the University relating to Florida history and related topics.

The Charlton W. Tebeau Library of the Historical Association of Southern Florida has accessioned the following manuscripts and photographs: a transcription of the Florida section of Escobelo's 1500s poem, and the papers of Rocky Pomerance,

1963-1977. In addition the following prints have been acquired: John James Audubon's "Key West Dove"; Dade County structures from the *Miami News*, 1927-1960s; engraving from Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues, 1600s; and photoprints of structures in Dade and Palm Beach counties, 1920s-1930s, compiled by Skip-ton. The library has also obtained architectural drawings of the Charles Deering estate's gate lodge, and a number of Florida maps and books.

The Haydon Burns Public Library, Jacksonville, has added the following typescripts: Lee E. Bigelow's, St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church of South Arlington; Duval County and its history, 1937; Lillie C. Holden's St. Paul's Church, 1948; William M. Jones, A Report on the Ceder Point ruins, Black Hammock Island, 1985; Carolina Rawls, A City is Born, 1945. Accessioned also were two pamphlets published by the Bethel Baptist Institutional Church; Governor Harrison Reed's message to the Florida legislature, 1872; and a booklet of the Ladies Village Improvement Association, Green Cove Springs, dated 1902.

The Otto G. Richter Library, University of Miami, has added the following to its manuscripts collection: letter from Edward Bok to Mrs. A. J. Hopkins, 1908; Captain John Brown letter, 1774; correspondence of Brigadier Reynard Peter Dordin, 1763; letters of Joseph Finch, 1796; letters from Abner Lacock to President James Monroe, 1882; Log Book of H. M. S. Swan, 1694-1698; letter from London Bishop Mark to Monsieur de Ferbeaux, 1799; Samuel Sharpe letter, 1796; letter from James Shepherd to John Brown, 1762; letter from N. E. Young to H. E. Hoover, 1899; Harry W. Hunt letter, 1818; letter from John B. Hogan to Robert Brent, 1818; letter from W. W. Croom to his brother, 1836; letter describing the fort at St. Marks, 1831; a St. Augustine document detailing military appointments in 1838; a letter written in 1838 by an army officer from Garey's Ferry, East Florida, to Lieutenant Edwin A. Morgan; letter from Zachary Taylor to General R. Jones, 1839; letter from F. O. Wyce to his brother, 1839; two letters from Colonel William J. Worth to Major Hitchcock, 1841; letter from F. B. Richardson to family members, Fort Pleasant, 1841; letter from Colonel Vose to his wife, Cedar Key, 1842; letter from Anson Cooke to his wife, Fort Desolation, 1849; letter from George Payne, Indian trader from Tampa; letter from William Seward to S. Cameron, 1861; letter from M. Blair to Simon Cameron, 1861;

letter from a soldier addressed to Rowburg, Ohio, 1865; sailor's letter, USS *Powhatan*, 1845; naval order, Headquarters East Gulf Squadron/Key West, 1865; naval order from the flag ship, Western Gulf Blockading Squadron-Hartford, Pensacola, 1864; a legal document dated 1856, indenture conveying land at Fernandina from the Florida Railroad to Joseph Finegan; and a letter from Captain Maddy to Captain Williamson.