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The Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will hold its eighty-fourth meeting and convention in Bradenton on May 2-3, 1986. The Holiday Riverfront Inn will serve as the convention hotel. Registration and coffee will be available at 8:00 A.M., Friday morning, followed at 9:00 A.M. with welcoming remarks by Randy Nimnicht, president of the Society, and Bill Evers, mayor of Bradenton. Amy Turner Bushnell of the St. Augustine Preservation Board will chair the first session, "Quest for De Soto." Papers will be given by Jerald T. Milanich and Jeffrey M. Mitchem, Florida State Museum. Kenneth Johnson, University of Florida, and Louis Tesser, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Archives, History and Records Management, will also offer insights on De Soto's route in north Florida and Apalachee.

The Friday afternoon session will focus on the theme, "Race and Ethnicity in Florida." Larry Rivers, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, will serve as moderator. Papers will be presented by Raymond A. Mohl, Florida Atlantic University; Glenda Rabbi, Florida State University; David Colburn, University of Florida; and Steven Lawson, University of South Florida. James McGovern, University of West Florida, will be the commentator. Following the afternoon session members may tour the Gamble Mansion, the historic antebellum plantation.

The third session, to be held Saturday morning at the Manatee Village Historical Park, will be a round table discussion on "The Seminole War." The panel will include John K. Mahon, University of Florida, as moderator; Harry Kersey, Florida Atlantic University; James Covington, University of Tampa; Frank Laumer, Dade City; and George E. Buker, Jacksonville University. The session will be followed by a picnic on the grounds of the Historical Park.

Hampton Dunn of Tampa will be the speaker at the banquet Friday evening in the Holiday Inn. A wine and cheese reception at the South Florida Museum, hosted by the Historical Society of Sarasota and the First Commercial Bank of Bradenton, will precede the banquet. The History Fair awards, the Thompson,

Patrick, and Tebeau literary prizes, and the Florida Historical Confederation awards will be presented at the banquet. President Nimnicht will preside.

Members may wish to tour Bradenton's numerous historic sites. Exhibits submitted for the Florida History Fair awards will be on display throughout the conference. The Society's board of directors will hold its business meeting on Thursday evening, 6:00 P.M., in the Manatee County Historical Records Library (formerly the Carnegie Library).

Florida Historical Confederation

The Florida Historical Confederation will convene its annual meeting on May 1, 1986, in conjunction with the Florida Historical Society's convention. The Thursday program, also to be held at the Holiday Riverfront Inn, will highlight "Portable History: Exhibits that Remain to be Seen." Workshops focusing upon text, graphics, artifacts, and design will be held in the all-day sessions. Speakers and panelists include Donald W. Curl, Florida Atlantic University; Patti Bartlett, Fort Myers Historical Museum; Linda Williams, Spanish Point; Patricia Wickman, Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee; John LoCastro and Janet Driscoll, Kidd and Company Designers, Tallahassee; Lucille Rights, St. Lucie County Historical Commission; Patsy West, Seminole Photo Archive, Fort Lauderdale; Robert Cottrell, St. Petersburg Historical Society; Andrew Brian, Historical Museum of Southern Florida, Miami; and Edward Jonas, Museum of Florida History. The guest speaker at the luncheon will be Michael J. Carrigan, assistant director of the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution. Ann Henderson, executive director, Florida Endowment for the Humanities, will welcome the workshop participants.

National Register of Historic Places

The Florida Department of State, Division of Archives, History and Records Management, reports the following Florida properties added to the National Register of Historic Places during the year 1985: Sarasota County—Sarasota Woman's Club and J. G. Whitfield Estate (Sarasota); Hillsborough County—Moseley Homestead (Brandon), Hyde Park Historic Districts and Tampania House (Tampa), and Upper Tampa Bay Ar-

chaeological District; Pinellas County— Casa De Muchas Flores and Studebaker Building (St. Petersburg); Dade County— Florida East Coast Railway Locomotive #153, Congress Building (Miami), Carl G. Adams House, Clune Building, Lua Curtiss House I, Lua Curtiss House II, Hequembourge House, and Osceola Apartment Hotel (Miami Springs), Homestead Public School—Neva King Cooper School (Homestead), and Grand Concourse Apartments (Miami Shores); Volusia County— Lippincott Mansion (Ormond Beach) and Merchant's Bank Building (Daytona Beach); Suwannee County— Bishop B. Blackwell House (Live Oak); Okeechobee County— Freedman-Raulerson House (Okeechobee); Palm Beach County— Journey's End and Administration Buildings (Boca Raton), Mickens House (West Palm Beach), Palm Beach Daily News Building (Palm Beach), and Jupiter Inlet Historic and Archaeological Site; Polk County — South Lake Morton Historic District (Lakeland) and El Retiro (vicinity of Lake Wales); Alachua County— Baird Hardware Company Warehouse, Boulware Spring Waterworks, and Star Garage (Gainesville); St. Lucie County— Cresthaven (Fort Pierce); Bradford County— Call Street Historic District (Starke); Santa Rosa County— Thomas Creek Archaeological District; Duval County— Riverside Historic District, houses at 3325, 3335, 3500, 3609, 3685, and 3703 Via De La Reina, 3764 Ponce De Leon Avenue, 7144 Madrid Avenue, 7207, 7117, and 7330 Ventura Avenue, 7227 and 7249 San Pedro, 7245, 7317, 7288, 7356, and 7400 San Jose Boulevard, 7246 San Carlos, 7247 and 7306 St. Augustine Road, and the San Jose Administration Building, San Jose Country Club, and San Jose Hotel (Jacksonville).

Consulting Services

The American Association for State and Local History provides consultation services to those museums or historical associations which are open to the public on a regular basis, offer active programs, and need assistance and/or advice on museum-related problems. Before contacting AASLH, agencies requesting this service should have already exhausted local or regional consulting sources, and have financial restrictions that prevent them from bringing in an expert. Organizations with annual operating budgets of less than \$50,000 need to cover the costs

of the consultants' lodging and meals during a two-day visit. Organizations with operating budgets of \$50,000 or more are expected to provide consultants with lodging and meals and one-half the cost of transportation. AASLH pays other expenses, including honoraria and remaining travel expenses. Following the visit, the consultant will submit a written report to the institution summarizing his or her recommendations. Write to the Education Division, AASLH, 1727 2nd Avenue North, Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37201, for an application packet, including a list of quarterly application deadlines. Applications are judged competitively on the basis of qualifications and demonstrated needs. Recipients will have final approval of the consultant offered by AASLH.

Conferences

The Gainesville Society of the Archaeological Institute of America and the University of Florida's Institute of Early Contact Studies co-sponsored a symposium, "Spanish and Native American Encounters in the Sixteenth-Century, Florida," at the Florida State Museum on February 6. Dr. Michael V. Gannon, University of Florida, gave the keynote address. He spoke on "Rethinking the Rediscovery: Some Perspectives on 1492-1542." Presenting papers were Dr. Amy Turner Bushnell, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, "Sedentism, Nomadism and Migration in the Spanish Florida Province"; Jonathan Leader, University of Florida, "Metalwork Among Florida Indians in the Early Contact Period"; Dr. Elizabeth S. Wing, Florida State Museum, "Evidence for the Impact of Traditional Spanish Animal Uses in Florida"; Jeffrey Mitchem, University of Florida, "Sixteenth-Century Spanish-Indian Contact in West Peninsula Florida: Archaeological Evidence from the Tatham Mound"; Dr. Barbara A. Purdy, University of Florida, "Changes in Indian Culture at Hontoon Island in the Early Contact Period"; Bonnie McEwan, University of Florida, "Sixteenth-Century St. Augustine: Archaeological Evidence of Spanish Acculturation"; and Henry F. Dobyns, Native American Historical Demography Project, "Pathogens and People in Early Florida."

"Marking the Route of the Hernando de Soto Expedition in the Southern United States, A Cooperative Effort," was the title

of the conference sponsored by the University of Florida's Institute for Early Contact Period Studies, and the Florida Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recreation and Parks, at the Florida State Museum on February 22, 1986. Presenting papers were Dr. Jeffrey P. Brain, Peabody Museum, Harvard University, "The 1935-39 De Soto Commission and Subsequent De Soto Research"; Dr. Vernon J. Knight, Jr., Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama, "Alabama's Celebration of the 450th De Soto Expedition Anniversary"; Dr. Eugene Lyon, St. Augustine Foundation, Inc., (paper read by Dr. William Goza, Florida State Museum), "The Canete Fragment— a New De Soto Narrative"; Dr. Marvin T. Smith, Garrow and Associates, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, "The Artifact Evidence"; Dr. Jerald T. Milanich, Florida State Museum, "The Landing— De Soto Landed at Tampa Bay After All"; Jeffrey M. Mitchem, Florida State Museum, "De Soto Contact Sites in Florida?"; Dr. Chester B. DePratter, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina, "De Soto in the Wateree Valley, South Carolina"; Dr. David H. Dye (Memphis State University), Dr. Charles Hudson (University of Georgia), Dr. Dan F. Morse (Arkansas State University), and Phyllis A. Morse (Arkansas State University), "The Mississippi River Crossings"; Dr. Dan F. Morse and Phyllis A. Morse, "De Soto in Arkansas"; Dr. Charles Hudson, "De Soto in the Southeast"; and Ney C. Landrum, director of the Division of Recreation and Parks, "Marking the De Soto Trail— A Cooperative Effort." Dr. Michael V. Gannon, director of the Institute of Early Contact Period Studies presented the conference summary. He and Mr. Landrum welcomed the conference participants and a video taped message from Governor Bob Graham was shown.

"The Civil War and Reconstruction on the Gulf Coast" was the theme of the eleventh Florida Gulf Coast History and Humanities conference held March 6-8, 1986, in Pensacola. It was sponsored by the University of West Florida, the Escambia County School Board, Pensacola Junior College, and the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board. Grace E. Earnest, Pensacola Junior College, was general chairperson and program chair. Presenting papers on the first session, "Families and Other Participants on the Gulf Coast during the Civil War," were James H. O'Donnell, III, Marietta (Ohio) College; William S. Coker,

University of West Florida; and Russell E. Belous, Historic Pensacola Preservation Board. Robin Largue, Escambia High School, chaired this session, and Joe Gray Taylor, McNeese State University, was commentator. The second session, "Military Life and Developments on the Gulf Coast During the Civil War," had J. Earle Bowden, Pensacola, as chair, and William N. Still, Jr., East Carolina University, as commentator. Presenting papers were Frank L. Owsley, Jr., Auburn University; Edwin C. Bearss, National Parks Service, Washington, D.C.; and Dean DeBolt, University of West Florida, Ted Carageorge, Pensacola Junior College, served as chair for the third session, "Inside the Confederacy: Various Aspects," and Charles R. Wilson, University of Mississippi, was commentator. Presenting papers were J. F. Morgan, City Colleges of Chicago; Clarence L. Mohr, Tulane University; and Jack D. L. Holmes, Birmingham. The fourth session, "Reconstruction on the Gulf Coast," included papers by Jerrell H. Shofner, University of Central Florida; Harriet E. Amos, University of Alabama in Birmingham; and Joe M. Richardson, Florida State University. Glen Coston, Pensacola Junior College, was chair.

Announcements and Activities

The Zora Neale Hurston Society is being organized by a group of scholars, journalists, educators, folklorists, historians, and other interested persons who wish to promote an appreciation of the life, work, and legacy of Hurston, the black female anthropologist and novelist who was born and lived in Eatonville, Florida. For information write Annabel Hawkins, Zora Neale Hurston Society, Box 550, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD 21239.

West Florida Footprints is published by the West Florida Genealogical Society of Pensacola. The recent issue includes the following articles: "West Florida Claims in Congress for 1814 and 1818," compiled by Dicy V. Bowman; "1870 Census Index, Walton County, Florida," compiled by Marla Drake Dooley; "Search for 'Pappy' Crews Ends at Confederate's Rest," compiled by Nadine Brassell; "Milligan Florida, Her Heritage," by Virginia Brown Wood; "Lathram Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Barrineau Park," compiled by Evan R. Strohl; "Spanish Land Grants in Escambia County," by Leora Sutton;

and "Index to the 1870 U. S. Census of Warrington, Escambia County, Florida," compiled by Sid Thomes. Dicy Bowman and Ann Krahn are the editors of *West Florida Footprints*. Address inquiries about the Society and its publications to the Society, P. O. Box 947, Pensacola, Florida 32594-0947.

"Prelude to Masterworks— the Oil Sketches of Martin Johnson Heade," is an exhibition at the Lightner Museum in St. Augustine of the collections of the American painter (1819-1904), who lived and worked in St. Augustine. The exhibition is on display through April 27. It was made possible through arrangements with the St. Augustine Historical Society.

Guy LaBree, is the 1986 recipient of the Peace River Valley Historical Society Florida History Award. Mr. LaBree, known as "Florida's Barefoot Artist," has been closely associated with the Florida Seminoles. The award was presented at a dinner at the Bentwood Country Club in Arcadia, March 14.

The Martin County Historical Society in Florida, in cooperation with local builders and developers, have restored Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge, the county's oldest building. The historic structure, built to provide temporary shelter for shipwrecked sailors and travelers, now operates as a nautical museum and as a nursery for endangered species of sea turtles. For more information, contact Janet Hutchinson, director, Martin County Historical Society, 825 North East Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 33494.

The *North Carolina Historical Review* announces a contest to select the best scholarly article dealing with North Carolina in the age of the ratification of the United States Constitution. In addition to being published in a future issue of the *North Carolina Historical Review*, the prize-winning article will receive \$250. The editors invite articles on any subject related to the political, economic, social, or cultural history of North Carolina in the period 1783 to 1800. Authors should submit two copies of their manuscripts. All articles should be submitted prior to March 31, 1987, to the editors, *North Carolina Historical Review*, Division of Archives and History, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.