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FLORIDA MANUSCRIPT ACQUISITIONS AND ACCESSIONS

THE following are recent manuscript acquisitions and accessions as reported by Florida universities, colleges, public libraries and archives, and other institutions. Anyone 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 acquired the following manuscript collections: Manning J. Dauer papers (University professor, State Constitution Revision Committee consultant); papers of Governor Bob Graham (1974-1984); papers of United States Senator George Smathers (1942-1968); papers of Ralph Turlington (Florida legislator, State Commissioner of Education, 1968-1986); Growers and Shippers League of Florida (charter, by-laws, bulletins, minutes, 1924-1981); and assorted papers, documents, and memorabilia from the Stephen Foster Memorial, White Springs (1936-1960). The library has acquired several rare books, including William Castell, *A Short Discovery of the Coast and Continent of America* (1745?); George Washington Greene, *Life of Nathanael Greene* (1846); and Antonio de Ulloa, *Noticias Americanas* (1772). Newspaper microfilm accessions include the Mobile (Alabama) *Register* (1821-1870); Stuart (Florida) *News* (1938-1949); and the Venice (Florida) *Gondolier* (1946-1949). Other acquisitions include a *Map of the seat of war in Florida, 1836*.

Microfilm (662 reels) of the archives of the Counts of Revilagigedo, direct descendants of Pedro Menéndez de Avilés, and their accumulated families, have been added to the Library's Spanish Borderlands Collection. Indices to the collection are included. The archives cover the period from the early thirteenth century into the twentieth century. A large segment includes the public and private papers of two viceroys of New Spain and their families. Military, politics, economics, Indian affairs, religious matters, shipping, agriculture, and genealogy are some of the topics covered in the correspondence, and account books. There are many official documents, proclamations,

vouchers, genealogical tables, church records, land transfers, estate inventories, wills, and other assorted items. Geographically the papers cover Europe, the Mediterranean, North America (California east to colonial Florida), Mexico, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Gulf of Mexico.

The Robert Manning Strozier Library, Florida State University, Tallahassee, has acquired the papers of Professor J. Leitch Wright, Jr., including the transcripts and research notes for his books and articles on southern Indians; the Richard Alan Nelson collection; ledgers of the West Yellow Pine Company (1855-1891); the papers of United States Senator Duncan Fletcher (1921-1936); the Sampson Pope estate inventory (1838); letters from T. J. Eppes (1866) and Roberts & Bent of Jacksonville (1878); and a Union Bank receipt from Henry L. Rutgers (1852). Book accessions include William Bartram, *Travels through North and South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida* (1792), and the *Indexed Map of Florida* (1876). Map acquisitions include a *Map of the southern states showing strategic points and the RR connection, the principal rivers* (1862). The library has accessioned the microfilm reels of the papers of Panton, Leslie & Company, together with the printed guide. Its newspaper additions include the Perry (Florida) *Herald* (1925-1926), *Taylor County News* (1936), and *Weekly Tallahasseean* (1900-1905).

The State Library of Florida, Tallahassee, has added to its Florida collection the records of the Washington Primitive Baptist Church of Chipley (1847-1955), and typescripts and/or photocopies of material from the WPA Federal Writers' Project. Also added were the papers of Richard Joseph Adams (1855-1872); papers of William J. Bailey (1866-1873); Blake-Parish family papers (1820-1900); the Booker family papers (1867, 1893); Finlayson family papers (1841-1863); and the Francis P. Fleming papers (1823, 1891). Typescripts of the memoirs of Calvin L. Robinson (Civil War), Wiley Brooks family (Seminole War), and Thomas Benton Ellis (1842-1926) have been added.

The Florida State Archives, Tallahassee, added the following to its manuscript collection: papers of Council A. Bryan (1830-1907); Hanna family papers (1857-1875); Lewis family papers (1827-1972); the records of the Lewis State Bank of Tallahassee

(1856-1972); letters of Patrick Augustus McGriff (1826-1877); Palmer family papers (1856-1915); and the papers of George Washington Scott (1829-1903). From the State Department of Military Affairs, the State Archives has received Civil War vouchers (1862-1863); assorted correspondence (1870-1878); Military Bureau circulars (1923-1930); annual militia returns (1875-1912); muster rolls and supporting documents (1826-1918); order book (1895-1901); photographs (1900-1940); World War I induction records (1917-1918); Florida National Guard administrative files (1940s-1960s); Florida National Guard pay rolls (1921-1933); and Florida State Troops/Florida National Guard unit rosters (1870s-1917). Added to the photograph collection are pictures of the 1986 legislative session taken by Don Dughi; color transparencies and slides from the Florida Department of Commerce; a collection of photographs of the 1930s and 1940s of DeLand and Volusia County from the DeLand Chamber of Commerce; photographs from the Citrus, Pasco, Lake, Osceola, Desoto, and Lee counties historical societies, and copies of photographs from the Stetson University Library and the Orange City Library.

The St. Augustine Historical Society added to its holdings the St. Johns County court records (1821-1965); the papers of Rosalie James (1846-1905); papers of the King's Daughters, Rosalie James Circle records (1982-1985); records from the St. George Pharmacy (1927-1929); the Women's Exchange minutes (1965-1979); photocopies of the Segui-Dallam papers (1825-1914); correspondence to Howard E. C. Hawkins of the Florida East Coast Railway freight traffic department (1902-1959); a letter written from St. Augustine (1902); and photocopies of letters of J. Henry Blakeman (1863-1865). The library added to its rare book collection *Historia de Familias Cubanas* by Francisco Xavier de Santa Cruz y Mallen. Twenty-eight scrapbooks from the Arthur L. Marsh collection were received. Additions to the film library include film of the Ponce de Leon celebration (1928 or 1929), and St. Augustine personalities (c. 1930).

Pensacola Historical Society, Pensacola, has accessioned documents concerning naval education and training commands (Pensacola Naval Air Station); Pearl Harbor survivors in Pensacola; Pensacola and Escambia County boundary changes from

the 1820s to the 1930s; transcriptions of court cases; a typescript of investigations at the Muscogee Cemetery by Janet R. Lloyd; typescript of "Pensacola Beach, Florida, Chapter VII," by Dr. Klaus J. Meyer-Arendt; copies of William Chase's appointment as major in the Army Corps of Engineers; letters from Admiral Farragut concerning Civil War confinement; copies of letters concerning FAN-TAZ beverage (1909-1910); a copy of a letter concerning *Spann v. West* (a property settlement, 1910); letters to H. E. Franklin (c. 1924); and a copy of a letter concerning the court case, *Menze v. Menze* (1913). Also added were the minutes from the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association (1962, 1964, 1969, 1971, 1975). Map acquisitions include Escribano Park; Fort Barrancas Military Reservation (1914, 1942, 1930); Pensacola Bay (c. 1829); Naval Air station (1939); and a United States Geologic Survey map of Milton (1943). The Society also acquired several scrapbooks, including materials from Tri-State Abstract Company concerning real estate titles in Santa Rosa County; a Pensacola *News-Journal* project; and a scrapbook of the Swain family. The society added microfilm of the *Pensacola Journal* (1910 and 1926) to its newspaper holdings. A 1913 photo of the 300 block of West Government Street was added to the photograph collection.

The Historical Association of Southern Florida accessioned the papers of Edward J. Gerrits, Inc., General Contractors, containing memorabilia pertaining to the 1987 Papal visit to Miami; papers of Marion Manley (Dade County architect); papers and photographs of Sylva Martin (1910s-1970s); papers of R. Hardy Matheson; an abstract of title to the Union Chapel property (1926); and scrapbooks of the United Teachers of Dade County (1954-1974), and of the Zonta Club of Greater Miami. The library added publications relating to Christopher Columbus; documents pertaining to Florida and south Florida (1826-1903); publications dealing with Florida and Caribbean archaeology; and *Florida State Exhibit: New York World's Fair* (1940). Photographic acquisitions include eighteenth-century prints of Zachary Taylor, Fort Taylor (Key West), and a shipwreck; an 1890s lithograph of Columbus's landing; prints of advertisements for Hollywood and Coral Gables (1926); and 198 sets of 35mm negatives of Pope John Paul's visit to Miami, September 1987.

Eaton Florida History Room, Manatee County General Library, Bradenton, received newspaper clippings, photographs, and two documents relating to the local Constitution Bicentennial celebration. In addition, the library received permission to copy a typescript of a Civil War diary of James Henry Armstrong.

The Otto G. Richter Library, University of Miami, added the papers of Carrie Dunlap which contain letters from Florida Congresswoman Ruth Bryan Owen (1907-1929); the Bernhardt E. Muller collection (development of Opa-Locka); the Kauffman collection of legal documents, letters, receipts, and manifests pertaining to three generations of the family (1893); and a note by Glenn H. Curtiss from Hialeah, June 5, 1924. Rare book acquisitions include *The Treaty of Peace, Union, Friendship, and Mutual Defense, between the Crowns of Great Britain, France and Spain, concluded in Seville of the 9th of November, 1729* (1729); *A Message from the President of the United States* by Zachary Taylor (1850); *Revised descriptive circular of Deland, Florida* by A. H. Wright (1884); *Joshua Giddings: A Sketch*, by Walter Buell (1882); and *On the capture of fugitive slaves*, by James Russell Lowell (1845). A broadside, *The preliminary articles of peace between Great Britain and France and Great Britain and Spain. January 20, 1783* was added. Map acquisitions include N. R. Child, *Jacksonville, Florida in 1847* (1847); T. Jefferys, *Plan of the town of Cayenne and Fort St. Michael drawn by the Chevalier de Mariechais* (1760); Thomas Kitchin, *Map of the U. S. in North America: with the British, French and Spanish dominions adjoining, according to the Treaty of 1783* (1783); and Edward Stanford, *Stanford's map of the U. S. (eastern part) and Cuba* (1898). Photograph additions include a collection of 182 scenes of railroad depots in Florida (1900-1970); a steamboat landing (c. 1870); and St. Augustine in 1886 by George Barker. The library also added postcards and promotional brochures to its collection.

Orlando Public Library, Orange County Library System, added several important items to its genealogy collection, including microfilm of federal census records (1840-1900); the 1890 Special Census Schedule of Union Army veterans and the widows of Union Army veterans; records of Florida volunteers during the Florida Indian Wars (1835-1858); Confederate

States Army casualties (1861-1865); records of Union Army volunteers from the state of Florida; records of military units in volunteer organizations; records of Confederate soldiers who served in organizations from the state of Florida; records of Confederate soldiers who served in organizations raised directly by the Confederate government; records of service of military units in Confederate organizations; records of volunteer soldiers who served in the Florida Infantry during the Spanish-American War; and an organization index to pension files of veterans who served between 1861-1900.

Historic Pensacola Preservation Board, Pensacola, acquired a collection of contracts for the purchase of fire fighting equipment (1915-1937) for the city of Pensacola; a map of metropolitan Pensacola (c. 1945-1953); and a ledger of the Sons of Temperance, Black River Division (1850-1858).

Haydon Burns Library, Jacksonville Public Libraries, has added several documents to its collection, including a plat of Maxville by S. P. Wiley (1910-1915), and miscellaneous Jacksonville and Duval County school records from Baldwin High School, Robert E. Lee Senior High School, John Gorrie Junior High School, and West Riverside Elementary School.

Black Archives, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, received a collection of documents dealing with plantation slavery in Florida (inventory and appraisal lists of slaves who worked on plantations in North Florida).