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HISTORY NEWS

Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will hold its eighty-sixth convention in Miami at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, on May 12-14, 1988. Registration will begin on Thursday, at 4:00 P.M., May 12, in the hotel lobby and again at 8:00 A.M., May 13. On Thursday evening the Historical Museum of Southern Florida will be open from 7:00-9:00 P.M. for members of the Society and their guests. Two Florida films will be shown also in the main auditorium of the Miami-Dade Public Library. Samuel Boldrick has made arrangements for members to visit the Library's Florida Room and its extensive collection of genealogy material (books, documents, and microfilm). The opening ceremonies on Friday morning will be held in the DuPont Plaza ballroom. Paul S. George, president of the Society, and Miami-Dade County Mayor Steve Clark will welcome the convention delegates. This will be followed by two program sessions. Patricia Wickman, former chair of the Florida Historical Confederation, will lead a panel discussion on the Spanish Influence in New World Florida. Carlos Fernandez Shaw, Consulate General of Spain, and Miguel Bretos, Florida International University, will participate in the discussion. Dr. Eugene Lyon, St. Augustine Foundation, will serve as chair of the second session, and Dr. Robert L. Gold, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, and Dr. Kenneth Kiple, Bowling Green University, will read papers. Light T. Cummins of Austin College, and Robert Paquette, Hamilton College, will serve as commentators. The Friday afternoon session will begin with a panel on South Florida's History and Its Writers, with Daniel Hobby, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, serving as chair. Panel members include Helen Muir, Miami; Stuart McIver, Lighthouse Point; David A. Kaufelt, Sugarloaf Key; and Arva Moore Parks, Coral Gables. The following session, the Cuban impact on Miami and Dade County, will have Dr. Paul George as its chair, and papers will be presented by Professor Francis J. Sicius of St. Thomas University and Gene and Asterie Provenzo of the University of Miami. Dr. Raymond A. Mohl, Florida Atlantic University, will be the commentator for this session.

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The banquet on Friday evening will be held in the DuPont Plaza ballroom. Dr. Michael J. Gannon, professor of history and director of the Institute of Early Contact Period Studies, University of Florida, will be the banquet speaker. His topic is "Hello, Columbus!" Several award presentations will be made: Rembert W. Patrick Book Prize by Dr. Thelma Peters; Arthur W. Thompson Prize in Florida History by Marcia J. Kanner; the Charlton W. Tebeau Book Prize by Dr. Tebeau; and State and Local History by Linda Williams. The President's Prizes for the outstanding essays on Florida history will be presented by former Governor LeRoy Collins of Tallahassee. Dr. George will preside at the banquet.

There will be a wine and cheese reception on Friday evening at 6:00 P.M., preceding the banquet, hosted by the Historical Museum of Southern Florida and its director, Randy Nimnicht. It will be held at the Museum. Following the banquet on Friday evening, there will be a gala president's reception in Dr. George's presidential suite at the DuPont Plaza. On Saturday morning, May 14, the program will be a Multi-Media Presentation on the Discovery of the Atocha, presented by Patrick Cline, Key West, in the DuPont Plaza Ballroom East. Activities include tours (by reservation) of the Miami downtown area and the Coconut Grove area on Friday afternoon. The annual J. Leitch Wright Memorial Run, Walk, and Crawl will be held on Saturday morning at 7:30 A.M. Dan Markus is the run master. The Society's annual picnic will be held at Mary Brickell Park at 12:00 noon, Saturday, following the Society's annual business meeting. There will be a walking tour of downtown Miami, conducted by Dr. George, during the afternoon and a moonlight dinner cruise on Biscayne Bay that evening at 6:00 P.M. The board of directors will hold its business meeting, Thursday evening. Gerald W. McSwiggan is in charge of local arrangements. His committee includes Ava Barnes, Rebecca Smith, and Patricia Wickman.

Florida Historical Confederation

Registration for the Florida Historical Confederation meeting at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, Friday, May 13, 1988, begins at 8:00 A.M. in the hotel lobby. The first session, "Collections: Managing What You Have," will be moderated by Pamela Gibson, Manatee County Public Library. The panel includes Tom

Baker, Florida Agricultural Museum; Mary Montgomery, Museum of Florida History; and Ellen Babb, St. Petersburg Historical Society. Betty Camp, Florida State Museum, will serve as moderator for the second session, "Education Programs at Historical Institutions." Panel participants include Connie Favert, Historical Museum of Southern Florida; Shirley Ritchey, Spanish Point at the Oaks; and Kathy Brown, Museum of Florida History. Patricia Wickman, Director of Art Collections, J. I. Kislak Mortgage Corporation, Miami, is panel moderator for the third session, "Conservation: Addressing Your Needs." Participants include Becky Smith, Historical Museum of Southern Florida, and Scott Loher, St. Lucie County, Museum Division. The final session is titled, "Publishing/Printing at Historical Institutions." Dr. Miguel Bretos, Florida International University, is the moderator, and the panel includes Tim Schmand, Historical Museum of Southern Florida; Patricia Bartlett, Fort Myers Historical Museum; and Dr. Thomas D. Greenhaw, University of Central Florida, editor of the *Florida History Newsletter*.

The Confederation executive committee meeting is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 12, at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. The annual business meeting will convene at the DuPont Plaza the following day at 11:45 A.M. The recipients of the annual Confederation prizes will be announced at the meeting.

History Fair

The annual History Fair exhibits will be on display in the ballroom foyer of the DuPont Plaza during the annual convention of the Florida Historical Society. The winners will be announced after the judging on Friday, May 13. The History Fair is sponsored by the Society. David Champs is the 1987-1988 coordinator of the History Fair.

National Register of Historic Places

The Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, reports the following Florida properties added to the National Register for Historic Places during the year 1987: Brevard County—Windover Archaeological Site and St. Joseph's Catholic Church; Charlotte County—Freedman House; Collier County—I & E Greenwalt Steam Engine, Silver Palm School,

South River Drive Historic District, Opa-Locka Railroad Depot, and Opa-Locka Thematic Group; Duval County—Springfield Historic District and Jacksonville Public Library; Hillsborough County—Curtis House; Indian River County—Old Vero Railroad Depot; Lake County—Lakeside Inn and Withers-McGuire House; Leon County—Johnson-Carter House and Tallahassee Women's Club; Manatee County—Bradenton Carnegie Library; Marion County—Tusawilla-Wyomina Historic District; Nassau County—Fernandina Beach Historic District; Pinellas County—Louis Johnson Building/Pinellas Hotel; Santa Rosa County—Arcadia Mills Sites, Bagdad Historic District, and Milton Historic District; Sarasota County—Burns Realty/Bickles House and El Verona/Ringling Hotel; Seminole County—Fernald-Langhton Hospital; St. Johns County—Old St. Johns County Jail; and Volusia County—The Abby, El Real Retiro, and Downtown DeLand Historic District.

Announcements and Activities

A Florida Labor History Network (FLHN) has been launched through the Department of History, University of Florida. Historians, teachers, students, retired workers, and other Floridians interested in developing a state-wide network to promote interest in the history of working people are invited to contact Professor Robert H. Zieger, Department of History, 4131 Turlington Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611 (904-392-0271). All persons should indicate their areas of interest, research, and experience. Network members are seeking information on all available sources for research into and the writing of Florida labor history.

The Florida Historical Society, Saint Leo College, and Central Florida Community College sponsored a conference on "Southern Culture and Language," at the Ocala Hilton and the Central Florida Community College, March 11-12, 1988. Participants were Dr. Michael Thomason, University of South Alabama and editor of the *Gulf Coast Journal*; Dr. Lee Cooper, Appalachian State University; Ormond Loomis, director of the Bureau of Florida Folklife Programs; and Dr. Paul S. George, University of Miami. The purpose of the conference was to promote cooperation and coordination among scholars and laypersons involved in studying and preserving Florida's heritage.

The Florida Anthropological Society will hold its annual meeting May 6-8, 1988, at the Ramada Inn, Altamonte Springs (I-4 at S.R. 436). The Central Florida Anthropological Society, Orlando, will serve as host chapter. For information on registration and programs contact Michelle Alexander, Central Florida Anthropological Society, 810 East Rollins Street, Orlando, FL 32803.

The Historic Broward County Preservation Board is producing a series of comprehensive histories of Hollywood, Dania, Davie, Plantation, Deerfield Beach, Pompano, and Hallandale. Dr. Paul S. George, president of the Florida Historical Society, is compiling the two-volume history of Fort Lauderdale. The first volume will be completed in 1988; the second in 1989. M. Diana McTigue is chair of the Preservation Board; the trustees are Lois Weissing, Stewart Kester, Constance Dickey, Cato Roach, Jr., and Tillie Rothstein.

The Journal of Negro History has resumed quarterly publication with volume 69, 1984. Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, is sponsor of the journal, and Professor Alton Hornsby, Jr., has been reappointed editor of the Journal.

The Florida State Genealogical Society will hold its 1988 annual conference in Pensacola, Florida, November 11-12. Dorothy "Ann" Avirett Cooper of Maccleny, Florida, is president of the Society. For information on the program and plans for the November conference, contact Given P. Reichert, 112 Crooked Tree Trail, Moultrie Trails, Route 4, St. Augustine, FL 32086.

A special exhibit, "Rails, Tycoons, and Gales: The History of the Florida East Coast Railway," opened February 7 at the Prime W. Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville. The exhibit includes artifacts, tools, rare photographs, and memorabilia of the Henry Morrison Flagler and Florida East Coast Railway era. The Prime W. Osborn Center is located at 1000 Water Street in downtown Jacksonville. The exhibit, which will continue through May 15, will be open daily from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. There is an admission charge.

The Southern Conference on British Studies solicits proposals for papers to be presented at its 1989 meeting, to be held November 8-11, 1989, in Lexington, Kentucky. Although its annual meeting takes place in conjunction with that of the Southern Historical Association, the SCBS construes British studies widely and invites participation by scholars in all areas of British history and culture, including the Empire and the home islands. Interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged. Proposals may consist of individual papers or entire sessions for the program. Sessions should include two to three papers relating to a common theme and should have suggestions for chairpersons and commentators. For each proposed paper submit an abstract of 300-400 words indicating the thesis of the paper, resources and research methodology, and how it enhances or expands knowledge of its subject. Proposals should be sent by October 15, 1988, to Dr. John A. Hutcheson, Jr., Division of Social Science, Dalton College, Dalton, GA 30720.

Preservation Day will be held Tuesday, April 26, 1988, on the steps of the Old Capitol, Tallahassee. Activities will begin with a legislative briefing session and will conclude with a reception that evening in Knott Park (across from the Knott House, 301 East Park Avenue). The reception will honor F. Blair Reeves of the University of Florida for his many years of service to the cause of historic preservation. He is a founding trustee of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, and served for many years on the Florida Review Committee for the National Register for Historic Places. He was also a member of the Florida Bicentennial for the American Revolution Commission. Professor Reeves has been selected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as the recipient of the DuPont Crowninshield Award, the Trust's highest honor, for his work in starting the Preservation School of Nantucket and directing its activities for many years.

Awards

The annual Howard R. Marraro Prize was awarded by the American Catholic Association to Dr. Gary R. Mormino, University of South Florida, for his book, *Immigrants on the Hill. Italian-Americans in St. Louis, 1882-1982*, published by the University of

Illinois Press. He and Dr. George E. Pozzetta, University of Florida, are the authors of *The Immigrant World of Ybor City, Italians and Their Latin Neighbors, 1885-1985* which is the inaugural volume in the Ellis Island Series being published by the University of Illinois Press. The Immigration History Society presented the 1987 Theodore Salutos Memorial Book Prize for this volume to Dr. Mormino and Dr. Pozzetta at a dinner, March 26, during the annual convention of the Organization of American Historians in Reno, Nevada.

The Virginia Historical Society has awarded its 1987 William M. E. Rachel Prize to Anita H. Rutman, University of Florida, for her essay, "Still Planting the Seeds of Hope: The Recent Literature of the Chesapeake Region," which appeared in the January 1987 issue of the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*.

The Southern Association for Women Historians announces that the Julia Cherry Spruill Publication Prize for the best published work, book, or article in Southern Women's History was awarded to Jacqueline Jones for her book, *Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow: Black Women, Work, and the Family from Slavery to the Present*, published by Basic Books, Inc. (reviewed in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, April 1986). The Willie Lee Rose Publication Prize for the best book in southern history written by a woman was awarded to Anne C. Loveland for her work, *Lillian Smith: A Southerner Confronting the South, A Biography*, published by Louisiana State University Press (reviewed in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, October 1987).

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recognized Lawrence Lewis, Jr., of St. Augustine and Richmond, Virginia, with its 1987 Honor Award for his support of archaeological and historical research in St. Augustine. Mr. Lewis spearheaded the efforts to save the Ponce de Leon Hotel when it closed in the 1960s and was responsible for it being utilized as Flagler College. Through his efforts and those of his family, eight buildings on the original seventeen acre complex have been restored. Mr. Lewis was recognized for his outstanding contribution to Florida history and archaeology with an honorary degree in 1986.