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Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Gainesville, May 11-13, 1989. The Florida Historical Confederation will also hold its workshops at the same time. The program committee invites proposals for papers and ideas or suggestions for sessions. Those wishing to read a paper should submit an outline and a personal resume immediately to Dr. Robert Gold (P. O. Box 4072, St. Augustine, FL 32085, 904 797-7339) chairman of the program committee. Other members of the committee are Dr. William Coker, Department of History, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL 32504; Dr. Eugene Lyon, St. Augustine Foundation, Flagler College, 20 Valencia Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084; and Joe Kentsch, 2133 Ted Hines Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Lester May of Gainesville is chairman of the local arrangements committee. Other members of the committee are Robert Smith, Dr. Marinus Latour, and Robert Gasche. Cooperating with the Alachua County Historical Society are local and area historical organizations, Thomas Center Associates, Florida Museum of Natural History, P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, Alachua Genealogical Society, and the Department of History, University of Florida. The Hilton Hotel will be the convention headquarters.

Awards

The Florida Folklife Council annually presents Florida Folk Heritage Awards to outstanding folk artists and folk culture advocates. The 1988 Folk Culture Advocate Awards were presented to Stetson Kennedy, Green Cove Springs, and the late Alton Morris, professor of English, University of Florida. The Folk Artist Awards went to Tom Gaskins, Palmdale, and Flora Mae Hunter, Tallahassee. The presentations were made at a Florida Arts Day Award ceremony, May 4, in Tallahassee, and at the thirty-sixth annual Florida Folk Festival, May 28, 1988, at the Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center in White Springs. The annual Folk Heritage Awards were established to recognize outstanding folk artists and folk culture advocates whose

lifelong contribution to Florida's folklife affirms the rich cultural legacy of the state.

The American Association for State and Local History, at its annual meeting in Rochester, NY, September 15, presented an Award of Merit to the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida, "for excellence in the preservation of historical materials relating to the history of Florida," and a Certificate of Commendation to Jackie Feagin, St. Augustine, for her weekly newspaper series of articles on St. Augustine and Florida history. The awards were presented by Linda V. Ellsworth, AASLH president, at a special luncheon.

The Kentucky Historical Society presented its annual Richard H. Collins Award to Dr. Charles P. Roland, emeritus professor of history, University of Kentucky, for his article, "Happy Chandler," which appeared in the Spring 1987 issue of *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*.

Conferences and Meetings

"Spanish Pathways in Florida" is the title of a one-day conference to be held in Tampa, November 14, 1988. Conference participants— historians, journalists, and museum professionals— will examine Florida's Spanish legacy. Dr. Michael Gannon, director of the Institute for Early Contact Period Studies, University of Florida; Dr. Jerald Milanich, Florida Museum of Natural History; and Dr. Henry Dobyns, Newberry Library, will deliver papers and lead the discussions. Dr. Gary R. Mormino, University of South Florida, is coordinator of the conference. It is being supported by the Florida Endowment for the Humanities. For information contact Ann Henderson, executive director, Florida Endowment for the Humanities, 3102 North Habana, Tampa, FL 33620; or Dr. Mormino, Department of History, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

Dr. Gary Richardson, Department of English, Mercer University, invites proposals for the Southern Humanities Conference to be held February 16-18, 1989, at the Hilton Hotel, Macon, Georgia. Proposals should be submitted by November 1, 1988. For conference information write SHC, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Mercer University, 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, GA 31207.

The Jacksonville Historical Society held its second annual Community Workshop on History, September 17, 1988. The focus was on the three projects identified as major needs by community historical organizations: the compilation of a directory of local historical resources, organizing a speakers bureau, and coordinating a calendar of historic community events. Dr. Jane Landers, University of Florida, was the speaker at the program meeting of the society, September 28. Dr. Landers is director of the History Teaching Alliance at the University of Florida and site historian for the Fort Mose archaeological project in St. Augustine.

The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic will hold its annual meeting at Charlottesville, VA, on July 20-22, 1989. Proposals are invited for papers, sessions, and discussion panels on any aspect of American history from about 1789 to 1850. Complete session proposals are encouraged. Younger scholars, local or regional historians, and public historians are especially invited to participate. One-page proposals which cover a synopsis of the thesis, methodology, and significance of each paper, together with a short curriculum vita, should be sent to Dr. John L. Larson, Department of History, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907, by January 1, 1989.

The National Parks Service held meetings in Tallahassee and Bradenton in September to solicit views on the possible designation of the Hernando De Soto Expedition Route as a National Historic Trail. The ongoing trail study process was described, and a series of maps prepared by Dr. Charles Hudson, University of Georgia, which delineates the expedition route were displayed. The purpose of the meetings was to collect information and gather the views of interested persons. For additional information on the trail study, write the National Parks Service, Southeast Regional Office, 75 Spring Street, S. W., Atlanta, GA 30303.

The program committee for the 1990 Organization of American Historians annual meeting invites proposals for papers, workshops, and/or panels. The committee has selected two interrelated program themes: the experience of racial minorities in the United States treated as far as practicable in a comparative context, and the comparative study of freedom movements—

protest and reform movements in United States history among racial and ethnic minorities, women, and the working class. While the committee prefers fully packaged session proposals, it will consider individual's papers. Each proposal should be described in a one- or two-page resume that summarizes its thesis, methodology, and significance. Proposals and supporting information (a short recent vita for each participant) should be sent no later than February 15, 1989, to Professor August Meier, Department of History, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242.

The 23rd annual Military History Conference will be held at Mobile, Alabama, April 26-29, 1989. There will be site visits to military installations and facilities in the Pensacola area, including the Naval Air Station, *USS Lexington*, Fort Pickens, Fort Barrancas, Barrancas Redoubt, and the Naval Air Station. For conference information, write Herbert M. Hart, Box 1151, Fort Myer, VA 22211.

Announcements and Activities

The Florida National Guard Historical Foundation was established to promote and support history-related activities, interests, and projects of the Florida National Guard and the Historical Services Division of the Department of Military Affairs of St. Augustine. The Foundation's purpose is to present and interpret the history of Florida's militia, troops, and National Guard units from the first Spanish period to the present, to maintain a library, a documents archive, and a museum, and to locate and collect all material which relates to the military history of Florida. A major project is the Special Archives Publications which are being distributed to libraries and archives throughout the state. Some of the publications are reproductions; others are original works. A second project is the Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park of the Second World War to be located on land adjacent to the main gate of Camp Blanding. Blanding, located near Starke, Florida, was established as a military training camp for Florida National Guard units, but it was greatly expanded after the mobilization of the Guard in November 1940. During World War II, Blanding became one of the largest army training facilities in the United States. Following the war, Blanding reverted to its original role as the principal state training camp for Florida National Guard units. For information on

either the Special Archives Publications program or the plans for the Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park, write Robert Hawk, Florida National Guard Historical Foundation, State Arsenal, Box 1008, St. Augustine, FL 32085; James Bloodworth, Camp Blanding Museum Associates, Route 1, Box 754, Starke, FL 32091; or Rodney Hall, Director, Museum Project, Headquarters, Camp Blanding, Route 1, Box 465, Starke, FL 32091. A third project is the development of the Museum of Florida's Army in the Tovar or "Cannon Ball" House which is part of the Oldest House Museum complex adjacent to the State Arsenal in St. Augustine. This museum is being developed in cooperation with the St. Augustine Historical Society, the Florida National Guard Historical Foundation, and the Department of Military Affairs. The museum will portray through exhibits and artifacts the more than 400 years of Florida's Militia/National Guard history.

The Laurie Yonge Chapter (Jacksonville) of the Florida Aviation Historical Society has named its collection of photographs, reference material, and artifacts in honor of John P. Ingle, Jr., its charter president. The Ingle Collection of Aviation History is in a special room at Airkman's facilities, Jacksonville International Airport. Mr. Ingle is the author of *Florida's Aviation History*.

The Wesleyan/Holiness Study Project of the Asbury Theological Seminary is preparing a union list of unpublished manuscript collections that document the Holiness movement in the United States and Canada. Major Holiness denominations include the Wesleyan Church, Free Methodist Church, Church of God (Anderson), Church of the Nazarene, and the Salvation Army. Anyone having information concerning records for these or related Holiness bodies is asked to write to William C. Kostlevy, Wesleyan/Holiness Study Project, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY 40390.

For purposes of scholarly exchange, the International Committee of the Southern Historical Association would like to identify scholars outside of the United States who study or teach the history the American South or who use it for comparative purposes. The names, addresses, and areas of interests of scholars should be sent to the International Committee, Southern Historical Association, Department of History, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30607.

The Virginia Historical Society invites applications for its 1989 resident fellows program. Grants will be awarded on the basis of the applicants' scholarly qualifications, merits of the proposals submitted, and the appropriateness of the proposals to the collections at the Society. Applicants should send a resume, two letters of recommendation, a description of the research project stating the expected length of residency in the library, and a cover letter. Applications must be received by February 15, 1989. No grant will be given for more than a one-month residency, and applications will not be considered for work on theses or dissertations. Applications should be sent to Nelson D. Lankford, Virginia Historical Society, P. O. Box 7311, Richmond, VA 23221-0311.