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HISTORY NEWS

Florida Historical Society

The Florida Historical Society has relocated its offices to the fifth floor of the University of South Florida Library, Tampa, which provides additional office space and more comfortable facilities for researchers. The Society office and library are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is also a toll-free telephone available for use within the state of Florida, 800-221-5106.

The Florida Historical Society announces its second annual President's Prize contest. Two prizes will be awarded, each for \$500, for outstanding scholarly papers written by an undergraduate and a graduate student attending any college or university in Florida or elsewhere during the academic year 1988-1989. Topics must incorporate a Florida theme (anthropology, archaeology, literature, history, or biography). Papers should reflect original research, be typed, double-spaced, and limited to a minimum of ten and a maximum of forty pages. Faculty members may nominate entries or students may submit their own essays. Essays completed during any period from 1986-1988 will also be considered when accompanied by recommendation of the course instructor. The deadline for submission is March 1, 1989. Papers should be sent to the Florida Historical Society, University of South Florida Library, Tampa, FL 33620. For further information, contact Dr. Gary R. Mormino, Florida Historical Society. Winners will be recognized at the Society's meeting in Gainesville, Florida, May 11-13, 1989.

Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference

The twelfth Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will be held at the Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile, Alabama, March 9-11, 1989. The theme is "The Maritime History of the Gulf Coast." Subjects of papers to be presented during the general sessions include Rivers and the Gulf, Exploration and Commerce in Colonial Times, Coastal Reflections: Reassessing the Past in Search of the Future, the Fishing Industry along the Gulf Coast, Key West and Naval Operations in the Gulf, Preser-

vation and Maritime History, Nineteenth Century Military Affairs, Piracy in Colonial Times, the Gulf Coast in World War II, Shipbuilding in World War II, the Port of Mobile, and Entrepreneurship and the Development of Gulf Coast Trade. There will also be four special sessions and three featured speakers: Sir Robert Ricketts, Sidney Schell, and Dr. William Still. Scheduled also are receptions at the Museum of the City of Mobile and aboard the *USS Alabama*, luncheons at the Bienville Club, and a cruise on Mobile Bay and harbor on the University Yacht *Alice*. Sponsors of the conference are the University of South Alabama, the University of West Florida, and the Pensacola Junior College. All of the papers will be published in the *Gulf Coast Historical Review*. For more detailed information on the program and on registration, contact George H. Daniels, chair, Department of History, or Michael Thomason, program coordinator, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688.

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Festival

The Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society will hold its second annual meeting and festival, April 13-15, 1989, in St. Augustine. The papers and panel discussions relating to Mrs. Rawlings and her writings will be held in the auditorium in the St. Johns County School Board building. There will also be an opening reception at 5:30 p.m., April 13, in the courtyard and loggia of the Lightner Building (Alcazar Hotel), a tour of Castle Warden Hotel, dinner at Marineland and a reading by Marian Conner, "Memoirs of Cross Creek," in the Marineland theatre, a walking literary tour of St. Augustine, a luncheon at the Lambias House, a reception at the Markland House, and a final banquet in the dining room of Flagler College (Ponce de Leon Hotel). For information on membership in the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society and/or the St. Augustine meeting, write Dr. Kevin McCarthy, Rawlings Society, 4008 Turlington Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Prizes, Awards, and Recognition

Luis R. Arana, historian of the Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas National Monuments, has been twice honored in recent weeks. On December 13, 1988, he received the Order of LaFlorida in a ceremony in the St. Augustine City Hall. On

January 10, 1989, Arana was invested with the Order of Isabel la Católica by Don Carlos M. Fernández-Shaw, the Spanish consul general for Florida. Arana was recognized for "his merit and his labor in disseminating information about the world of Spain."

Leland Hawes is the 1988 recipient of the D. B. McKay Award given annually by the Tampa Historical Society to persons who have made "extraordinary contributions to the cause of Florida history." Mr. Hawes is a well-known Florida historian and journalist. He writes a weekly historical column for the *Tampa Tribune*.

Dr. Paul Hoffman, Louisiana State University, has received the 1988 Spain and America in the Quincentennial of the Discovery Prize for his manuscript, "New Andalusia and a Way to the Orient: A History of the American Southeast during the Sixteenth Century." It will be published by Louisiana State University Press. Earlier recipients of the award are Dr. Light C. Cummins, Austin College; Ralph Vigil, University of Nebraska; Birgit Sonesson, New York University; and Carla Phillips, University of Minnesota. The prize will be awarded annually through 1992. For further information, write to the Cultural Office, Embassy of Spain, 2600 Virginia Avenue NW, Suite 214, Washington, DC 20037. First prize carries a stipend of \$6,000, and \$3,000 for second prize.

Announcements and Activities

The Florida Anthropological Society will hold its annual meeting at the Omni Hotel in Jacksonville, April 28-30, 1989. The keynote speaker is Dr. Al Goodyear of the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology; he will speak on "Early Man Studies." For information, contact Jerry J. Hyde at 904-389-1067.

A symposium, "In the Nick of Time: Folklore Collection by the WPA Federal Writers' Project," will be held February 4, 1989, at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, Miami. It is being sponsored by the Florida Folklife Society, the Bureau of Florida Folklife Programs, and the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. Stetson Kennedy, Gary Mormino, David Kaufelt, and Peggy Bulger are the featured speakers. For infor-

mation, contact Peggy Bulger, Bureau of Florida Folklife Programs (904-397-2192) or Tina Bucuvalas, Historical Museum of Southern Florida (305-375-1621).

“Spanish Explorers and Indian Chiefdoms: The Southeastern United States in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries” is the title for an institute for college and university faculty that will be held at the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Georgia, June 26 through July 28, 1989. The focus will be on the period between 1526 and 1670. Four connected questions will serve as the theme of the institute: what were the results of the sixteenth-century Spanish explorations in the Southeast? What was the nature of the native society the Spanish encountered? What were the locations and domains of these societies? How were these societies changed by the European encounters? Lectures, discussion sessions, and visits to an archaeological excavation and an archaeological site at the territory of Coosa are included in the program. Each participant will receive a stipend of \$2,750 toward travel and room and board. Housing will be available in the University of Georgia residence area. Books and materials will also be provided. The home institutions of participants will be asked to contribute a \$275 registration fee. Faculty and other qualified educators in the humanities and social sciences at American colleges and universities are invited to apply. Twenty-five participants will be selected. The deadline for application is March 1, 1989; applicants will be notified by April 1 if they have been selected. An application should include a curriculum vitae, a letter stating why the applicant wishes to participate in the institute, a listing of courses the applicant has taught or will teach that are related to the subject of the institute, a list of other relevant 1989 summer programs for which the applicant has applied, and a letter from the applicant’s own institution supporting the application and pledging to contribute the registration fee. For additional information, write or call Teresa Smotherman, NEH Summer Institute, Center for Latin American Studies, Moore College 214, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 (404-542-3141).

Tampa Bay History publishes articles, oral history interviews, documents, and genealogies relating to the central and southwest Florida area (Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee,

Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota counties). It is published semi-annually by the University of South Florida's Department of History. The yearly subscription price is \$15.00. Robert P. Ingalls is managing editor, and Steven F. Lawson and Nancy A. Hewitt are associate editors. The journal sponsors an annual essay contest. Entries (2,500-5,000 words) should be based on previously unpublished historical research and on a subject concerning Tampa Bay and the fifteen-county area surrounding it. Essays should be typewritten, double-spaced, with footnotes placed at the end. The deadline is September 1, 1989. First prize is \$100, and second prize is \$50. Winning essays will be published in the journal. For information on the contest, subscriptions, and past issues of *Tampa Bay History*, write the journal's publications office, Department of History, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

The Florida Genealogical Society has completed the celebration of its thirtieth anniversary. On January 22, 1958, a group interested in genealogical research met in the Historical Room at the Hillsborough County Courthouse, Tampa, and organized the Society. The Society transferred its meetings to the Hyde Park Restaurant in 1962, and to the public library six years later. It has continued to hold its monthly meetings (except for the summer months) in the library. The Society publishes a semi-annual journal and a newsletter five times a year. Mrs. John Blanche was the first president, and she was succeeded in 1960 by Theodore Lesley. The first yearbook and membership list was published in 1961. Nancy Lee Shealy Berkhn is the current president of the Society. For information on membership, dues, and the Society's publications, write to the Society's office, Box 1864, Tampa, FL 33679.

An estimated 300 people attended public meetings held at fifteen locations throughout the ten-state De Soto National Trail Study Area in September and October 1988. They were sponsored by the National Park Service. There were two Florida meetings: Tallahassee, September 13, 1988, and Bradenton, the following day. Ney C. Landrum and Michael Gannon, members of the De Soto Advisory Committee, participated in the Florida meetings. Florida has already marked the route that De Soto followed in this state, and a similar effort is being proposed in Alabama. An archaeological site mapping project is underway

at the University of Alabama, and De Soto state commissions have been organized or are being organized through the ten-state area. Tentative arrangements for the 450th anniversary of the De Soto Expedition are also underway.

The Southern Association for Women Historians announces the second competition for the Willie Lee Rose Publication Prize in southern women's history authored by a woman. The Rose Prize, \$750, is awarded every two years. The Association will also award the Julia Cherry Spruill Prize, \$500, for the best published work, book, or article in southern women's history. In both competitions only works published between January 1, 1987, and December 31, 1988, will be considered. They may be submitted by authors, publishers, and/or third parties. All entries must be written in English, but the competition is not restricted to publications printed in the United States. One copy of each entry must be sent to each committee member by March 1, 1989. A separate letter listing the title of the entry should also go to each member. Each entry should be marked "Rose Prize Entry" or "Spruill Prize Entry." Members of the committee are Elizabeth Jacoway, 4 Dogwood Drive, Newport, AR 72 112; Mollie C. Davis, Department of History, Queens College, Charlotte, NC 28210; and Mary Fredrickson, Department of History, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL 35209.

Ceremonies were held in Jacksonville, September 24, 1988, to name the St. Johns River Dames Point Bridge in honor of former Florida Governor Napoleon Bonaparte Broward (1905-1909). His son, Napoleon Bonaparte Broward III, and other Broward family members were present. The Jacksonville Historical Society had first proposed that the bridge be named for Governor Broward, and the Florida legislature approved this recommendation. The names of two other Jacksonville bridges— Henry Holland Buckman and the Isaiah D. Hart— were also proposed by the Jacksonville Historical Society.

The Forest History Society has established the John M. Collier Award for Forest History Journalism. It honors the memory of Collier who was long associated with the Southern Forest Products Association. Historical articles about forestry-related issues carried in newspapers and general-circulation magazines are eligible. Articles should note publisher and date and should

be mailed to Harold Steen, Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Avenue, Durham, NC 27701.

The University Press of Virginia announces a new biography series, *Minds of the New South*. The general series editor is John Herbert (Jack) Roper, and the advisory board includes Charles W. Joyner, Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Ann Jones, James Tice Moore, Fred Hobson, Daniel J. Singal, and John Shelton Reed. The series volumes will examine the contributions made by key persons in the South's cultural renaissance beginning in the 1920s. Those interested in contributing to the series should write Dr. Roper, Box 137, Emory, VA 24327.

The American Association for State and Local History will publish a twenty-five volume series of books, "Peoples of America," to commemorate the 1992 Columbus Quincentenary. Each volume, directed toward a popular audience, will deal with a separate ethnic group. Dr. John Bodnar, Indiana University, is general editor. Cosponsors of the project include the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, the Immigration History Research Center, and the Immigration History Society. For information, contact Larry Tise, AASLH, 172 Second Avenue North, Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37201.

The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism invites applications for its research fellowship program. An office and access to libraries and archives at the University of Notre Dame is made available to scholars studying any aspect of American Catholicism. The deadline is April 15, 1989. Apply to Cushwa Center, 614 Hesburgh Library, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

The Department of English, Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, invites graduate student applications for its annual, and renewable, \$5,000 Blake Scholarship in Confederate Literature. Applicants must show a demonstrable interest in Confederate literature, an aptitude for research and writing, and a strong scholarly record. The recipient will have the opportunity to do research in the Rosanna A. Blake Library of Confederate History which includes documents relating to the antebellum, Confederate, and postbellum South. Submit applications to the Blake Scholarship Committee, c/o Confederate Bibliographer, Marshall University Libraries, Huntington, WV 25755, no later than February 1, 1989. Two faculty letters of

recommendation, a copy of the GRE score, and writing samples should be included with the application. The scholarship winner will be announced May 1, 1989.

The renovated Georgia Historical Society's offices and research library in Savannah have reopened. The hours are 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Persons from out-of-town planning to use the Society's collections should call before they visit (912-651-2128).

A symposium, "Lost and Found Traditions," will be held at the Columbus (Georgia) Museum, May 19-20, 1989. The speakers will examine the richness and diversity of contemporary Native American cultures, particularly those indigenous to the Southeast. An exhibit, "Lost and Found Traditions: Native American Art, 1965-1985," will also be on display. For information, contact Anne King, Columbus Museum, Box 1617, Columbus, GA 31902 (404-322-0400).

The annual Georgia Archives Institute will be held June 12-23, 1989, in Atlanta, Georgia. It is sponsored by the Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies, the Georgia Department of Archives and History, and the Jimmy Carter Library. Material offered by the faculty will be particularly valuable for beginning archivists, librarians, and manuscript curators. The program will include general instruction and basic concepts and practices of archival administration and the management of traditional and modern documentary materials. The focus will be on the integrated archives/records management approach to records keeping and will feature lectures and demonstrations, a supervised practicum, and field trips to local archives. Tuition is \$375. Enrollment is limited, and the deadline for receipt of application and resume is April 1, 1989. For information and an application, write, A. V. Lawson, School of Library and Information Studies, Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA 30314.

Seeking Information

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wertz are seeking information (letters, manuscripts, and documents) by, to, or concerning Colonel Silas Dinsmoor, also Densmore (1766-1847). Dinsmoor, a native

of New Hampshire and a graduate of Dartmouth College, served as headmaster at the Atkinson Academy in New Hampshire and as a teacher in Philadelphia before he was appointed, in 1794, United States agent to the Cherokee Indians. In 1802, he became agent to the Choctaw Indians. Commissioned by Governor Robert Williams of the Mississippi Territory to take custody of Aaron Burr at Fort Stoddert, Dinsmoor conducted Burr to Washington, DC, for trial, and later testified against him as a witness for the prosecution. Dinsmoor was involved with the settlement of the debts owed the Pensacola-Mobile trading firm, John Forbes and Company, by the Choctaws. He commanded consolidated military detachments of the Indians in the defense of the Gulf coast from December 1814 until May 1815. He was one of several incorporators of Alabama's St. Stephens Steamboat Company and served as principal deputy surveyor of the district east of the island of New Orleans. Dinsmoor lived in Mobile from 1820 to 1828; he later moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and died in Bellevue, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Wertz, who are planning to write a biography of Colonel Dinsmoor may, be contacted at 4215 Wateroak Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32210, or by phone 904-387-3443.

Obituary

James W. Silver, a distinguished southern historian and retired member of the Department of History, University of South Florida, died July 25, 1988, at a Tampa hospital. A native of Rochester, New York, Dr. Silver attended the University of North Carolina and received his doctorate from Vanderbilt University. He came to the University of Mississippi in 1936, and resigned in 1965 at the request of the University's Board of Trustees following publication of his widely acclaimed *Mississippi: A Closed Society*. The book explored the racial divisions in Mississippi in the 1960s and sharply criticized the state's white political establishment which Silver felt had been responsible for the violence that the efforts to integrate the University of Mississippi had brought about. Silver wrote five other books, and his articles and book reviews appeared in national, regional, and state historical journals, including the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

1989

Feb. 4	Florida Federal Writers' Project Symposium	Miami, FL
March 9- 11	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Mobile, AL
April 6-9	Organization of American Historians	St. Louis, MO
April 12-14	Society of Florida Archivists	Tallahassee, FL
April 13-15	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Festival	St. Augustine, FL
April 28-30	Florida Anthropological Society	Jacksonville, FL
May 11-13	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY— 87th MEETING	Gainesville, FL
May 11	FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION	Gainesville, FL
Sept. 6-10	American Association for State and Local History	Seattle, WA
Sept. 28-30	Florida Trust for Historic Preservation	Lakeland, FL
Oct. 19-22	Oral History Association	Galveston, TX
Nov. 3-5	Southern Jewish Historical Society	Charleston, SC
Nov. 9-12	Southern Historical Association	Lexington, KY

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