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HISTORY NEWS

Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will hold its eighty-seventh convention in Gainesville, May 11, 12, 13, 1989. The Florida Historical Confederation will hold its annual meeting and workshops at this time also. The convention hotel is the Gainesville Hilton, 2900 S.W. 13th Street. Registration for conference participants will be on the lobby floor. Welcoming the delegates on Friday morning will be David Coffey, Gainesville mayor-commissioner; Robert Gasche, president of the Alachua County Historical Society; and Paul S. George, president of the Florida Historical Society. Chairpersons for each of the seven planned sessions are Paul George; Leland Hawes, *Tampa Tribune*; Samuel Proctor, University of Florida; Robert R. Rea, Auburn University; Eugene Lyon, St. Augustine Foundation; William Coker, University of West Florida; and Rodney Dillon, Broward County Historical Commission. Presenting papers or serving as commentators are Willam Ivy Hair, Georgia College; Wayne Flynt, Auburn University; Glen Jeansonne, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Raymond Arsenault, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg; Susan L. Clark, St. Augustine; David Nolan, St. Augustine; Thomas Graham, Flagler College; Helen Cumberly Ellerbe, Alachua County Historical Commission; Charlotte M. Porter, Florida Museum of Natural History; Sudyce Cauthen, Alachua; Robin F. A. Fabel, Auburn University; Ethan A. Grant, University of West Florida; Wendell L. Griffith, University of West Florida; Charles W. Arnade, University of South Florida; Jerald T. Milanich, Florida Museum of Natural History; Charles Ewen, Tallahassee; Marvin Smith, University of Georgia; Ed Keuchel, Florida State University; Joe Knetsch, Tallahassee; Everett Caudle, University of Florida; George Klos, Florida State University; David Coles, Tallahassee; Robert Taylor, Florida State University; and Lola Haskins, Gainesville.

The banquet will be held Friday evening at the Hilton. At that time, the winners of the Rembert W. Patrick Book Prize, Charlton W. Tebeau Book Prize, Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History, the President's Prizes, and the

American Association for State and Local History Awards will be announced.

The History Fair projects will be on exhibit throughout the conference, and prizes will be awarded on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. The President's Reception, hosted by Dr. George, will be held in the Presidential Suite following the banquet. The annual J. Leitch Wright Memorial Run, Walk, and Crawl will be held on Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. Thomas Graham is the run master. The Society's annual picnic will be held at Bivens Arm Park at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, following the Society's annual business meeting. There will be a walking tour of the Gainesville Historic District on Thursday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m., and a bus tour of Paynes Prairie on Friday at 3:30 p.m. The board of directors will hold its business meeting Thursday evening. Lester May is in charge of local arrangements.

Florida Historical Confederation

Registration for the Florida Historical Confederation meeting at the Gainesville Hilton, Thursday, May 11, 1989, begins 1. at 9:00 a.m. in the hotel lobby. The Confederation has scheduled three panels on Thursday, May 11. Moderators for these sessions are J. Andrew Brian, Historical Association of Southern Florida; Randy F. Nimnicht, Historical Association of Southern Florida; and Ormond Loomis, Bureau of Florida Folklore. Members of the panels are Mark Appleby, Fort Myers Historical Museum; James Omahen, Historical Association of Southern Florida; Linda Williams, Spanish Point at the Oaks; Wit Ostrenko, Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa; Susan Clark, Loxahatchee Historical Society; Brent Cantrell, Historical Association of Southern Florida; and Nancy J. Nusz, Bureau of Florida Folklife.

J. Andrews Brian, chairman of the Confederation, will preside at the luncheon and will present the Confederation awards.

National Register of Historic Places

The Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, reports the following Florida properties added to the National Register of Historic Places during the year 1988: Alachua County— Southeast Gainesville Residential District; Broward County— Davie School and Oakland Park Elementary

School; Clay County— Clark-Chalker House; Dade County— Coral Gables Elementary School and Miami Shores Thematic Resource Group; Duval County— Jewett-Thompson House, Village Store, and San Jose Estates Gatehouse; Hillsborough County— LeClair Apartments; Jefferson County— Dennis-Coxetter House; Lee County— Henry Ford Estate and Alderman House; Marion County— Dunnellon Boomtown Historic District, Orange Springs Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery, Tusawilla Park Historic District, and James W. Townsend House; Palm Beach County— Delray Beach Schools; Pinellas County— Harbor Oaks Residential District; Putnam County— Old A.C.L. Union Depot; and Volusia County— United States Post Office, South Beach Street Historic District, Casements Annex, The Porches, and Rowallan.

Southern Jewish Historical Society

The Southern Jewish Historical Society is receiving grant applications for awards, not to exceed \$2,500 per year, to support the completion of works pertaining to the southern Jewish experience. These works may be in any medium, including books, exhibits, films, or video cassettes. The typed proposal, not to exceed three pages, should include a cover page with the submitter's name, address, and telephone number; a proposed budget; a statement of the contributions the project will make to the study of the southern Jewish experience; and a rationale of why the Society should support the project. If the request is to support a matching grant, evidence that the matching agency is a tax-exempt foundation or agency is needed. Proposals should be sent to Dr. Sheldon Hanft, Department of History, Appalachian State University, 238 Whitener Hall, Boone, NC 28608, by August 1, 1989. Awards will be announced at the Society's annual conference in Charleston, SC, November 3-5, 1989.

The Southern Jewish Historical Society announces the creation of a \$500 award for the best paper dealing with southern Jewry by a current graduate or undergraduate college student. The author will be invited to read the winning essay at the Society's annual conference in Charleston, SC, November 3-5, 1989. Up to one-half of the award may be used for travel and conference expenses. Submissions should be at least 4,000 words in

length and typed double-spaced. The submitter's name, address, and academic affiliation must appear only on the cover letter and not in the body of the paper. Entries should be sent before August 1989 to Mrs. Phyllis Weinstein, 4149 Churchill Drive, Birmingham, AL 35213. The prize honors the memory of the late B. H. Levy of Savannah, GA, the author of several books and monographs on southern Jewish history and a founding trustee of the Society.

Announcements and Activities

The Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society held its second annual meeting, April 12-15, 1989, in St. Augustine. Mrs. Rawlings and her husband Norton Baskin moved from Cross Creek to St. Augustine in 1940. The presentations were on the life and works of Rawlings by scholars and persons who knew and worked with her. A reception at Markland and dinner in the dining room of Flagler College (formerly the Ponce de Leon Hotel) on Saturday evening concluded the program.

The Florida College Teachers of History held its annual conference, April 3-15, 1989, at Fort Myers. The banquet speaker was Dr. Sheldon B. Liss of the University of Akron.

The Southern Jewish Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Charleston, SC, November 3-5, 1989. The program committee invites proposals for individual papers, complete sessions, panels, and workshops on all aspects of southern Jewish history. It is interested in papers relating to the Charleston/Low Country area of South Carolina. A brief abstract for each paper or presentation should be submitted by May 10, 1989, to Dr. Sheldon Hanft, Department of History, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608, or Dr. Stuart Knee, Department of History, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC 29424.

The film "Living in America: One Hundred Years of Ybor City" is available for sale for \$15.95 from the Tampa Historical Society, 245 South Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606. Gayla K. Jamison, documentary film maker and videographer, produced the film, and Dr. Gary Mormino served as historical consultant. Supporting the project were the Florida Endowment for the Humanities, Florida Bureau of Historic Preservation, Florida Arts Council, and the Ybor City Museum Society.

The Alachua County Historical Commission dedicated a historical marker to David Levy Yulee on February 26, 1989, at the Historic Archer Depot. Yulee, born in St. Thomas, arrived in St. Augustine in 1821. After reading law at the office of Judge Robert Raymond Reid in St. Augustine, Yulee was elected to the Florida Territorial Council and represented St. Johns County in the Constitutional Convention in 1838. He was a territorial delegate to Congress (1841-1845), and he led the move to have Florida admitted as a state. He was Florida's first United States Senator, and the first person of Jewish birth ever to serve in the United States Senate. He was responsible for the construction of the first cross-state railroad which ran from Fernandina to Cedar Key. Although a strong advocate of secession, Yulee held no political office in the Confederate government. He was living at Cotton Wood, his plantation in Archer, when the war ended, and it was there that the personal baggage of President Jefferson Davis and his family and the remainder of the Confederate treasury arrived on May 22, 1865. There is a historical marker at the house site. Senator Yulee's father was Moses Elias Levy, and Levy County is named for the family. The Archer Historical Society held an open house at its museum and headquarters, the Historic Archer Depot, following the program.

The Jacksonville Historical Society has opened its archives and library and invites scholars to use its books, photographs, and files. The collection, located on the second floor of the Swisher Library at Jacksonville University, will be open from 12:15 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays, except for April 29 and May 6.

The Oral History Association will hold its annual meeting in Galveston, TX, October 19-22, 1989. The four-day conference will feature papers on political, black, women's, immigration, and local history. There will be workshop sessions adapted to different levels of oral history methodology, panel discussions of current issues, and a variety of media presentations. Tours of Galveston and area museums are being arranged. For information on the meeting, write Richard C. Smith, 1093 Broxton Avenue, #720, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

The Florida Bureau of Historic Preservation administers a program of historic preservation grants-in-aid to encourage and assist the identification and preservation of Florida's historic re-

sources. Grants are made from the Historic Preservation Trust Fund. Departments or agencies of the state (including state universities); units of county, municipal, or other local governments; and any corporation, partnership, or other organization (public or private) may submit applications. In addition, private individuals may apply for funds.

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency is engaged in preparing a complete and annotated edition of Abraham Lincoln's law practice papers entitled *The Lincoln Legals: A Documentary History of the Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln, 1836-1861*. The agency requests assistance in locating any documents, records, letters, contemporary printed accounts, or after-the-fact recollections that relate to the subject. To send material or for information, contact *The Lincoln Legals*, I.H.P.A. Drawer 75, Old State Capitol, Springfield, IL 62701 (phone 217-785-9130).

The Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies held its thirty-sixth annual meeting, April 13-15, 1989, at Myrtle Beach, SC. The theme of the conference was "Literature, Culture, and Revolution in Latin America." Florida scholars presenting papers were Waltraud Queiser Morales, University of Central Florida; Louis A. Pérez, Jr., University of South Florida; Thomas W. Leonard, University of North Florida; Louis A. Woods, University of North Florida; and Dario Moreno, Florida International University. Jaime Suchlicki, University of Miami, was the banquet speaker.

The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies will meet in Athens, GA, March 1-3, 1990. Proposals are solicited for papers and panels dealing with all aspects of the eighteenth century. Interdisciplinary papers and panels are welcomed. Panels should have no more than three papers, and may have a commentator. Round table discussions or workshops are also welcomed. A one-page abstract for each paper or presentation and a brief vita for each participant must be received by October 1, 1989. Address proposals to Dr. Barbara B. Schnorrenberg, 3824 11th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35222.

MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS MEETING FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mid-winter meeting of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society was convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Special Collections Reading Room, University of South Florida, Tampa, December 3, 1988, by Paul S. George, president. Officers and directors attending included: Rodney E. Dillon, Samuel Proctor, Kathleen H. Arsenault, Patsy West, Niles F. Schuh, Eugene Lyon, Henry Green, Eugene W. Roach, J. Andrew Brian, Gwendolyn B. Waldorf, Robert C. Harris, David R. Colburn, Hampton Dunn, Stuart McIver, Marinus H. Latour, William S. Coker, Michael Slicker, and Lewis N. Wynne, executive director.

The minutes of the May 1988 board meeting were accepted as published in the October 1988 issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The published agenda of a presentation delivered at the annual meeting, May 1988, on the "Discovery of the Atocha," was amended to note that one of the speakers was "Patrick Cline," rather than "Patricia." The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, held August 13, 1988, Tampa, were amended to reflect the correct tabulation of votes. Thus, the minutes now read: "Voting in favor of remaining at the University of South Florida were Hampton Dunn, Samuel Proctor, Kathleen Arsenault, and Marinus Latour. Voting in favor of St. Augustine's offer were Randy Nimnicht, Paul George, and Michael Slicker." The voting positions of Marinus Latour and Michael Slicker were reversed in the minutes as published. The resignation of Gerald W. McSwiggan was regretfully accepted.

It was announced that hereafter, unless they include items requiring specific action, most committee reports will be published in the *Society Report* and will not be included on the board's agenda.

Gwendolyn Waldorf reported that 1989 would probably see a doubling in the number of counties and students involved in the History Fair program. This increase in participation is due, in large part, to the involvement of the Florida Department of

Education, and in particular, Kathy Brown (education curator, Museum of Florida History) and Peggy Durham (teacher).

Initial response from the Georgia Historical Society regarding a joint meeting with our Society has been positive. A committee, consisting of Nick Wynne, Samuel Proctor, David Colburn, Raymond Mohl, Kathy Arsenault, and Paul George, was formed to issue a formal invitation, establishing a time (preferably the fall 1990 or 1991) and place for such a meeting.

Nick Wynne reported a revitalized relationship with the University of South Florida, mentioning specifically that (1) several board members had enjoyed individual, informal meetings with President Borkowski; (2) the Society is in the process of moving to its expanded quarters on the fifth floor of the library; (3) the university has provided a part-time work-study student for the Society's use; (4) the university has provided sources of indirect funding to benefit the Society's activities and programs, including some furnishings for the Society's new office; (5) the USF Woman's Club has offered assistance; and (6) the University of South Florida Press has offered jointly to sponsor book publications. The Society has begun paying its bill to USF for services performed (postage, photocopies, telephone, office supplies, etc.) during the period of 1981-1988. Reflecting on the size and nature of the bill, the board requested that Dr. Wynne and Dr. George meet with President Borkowski and request that the university forgive similar future expenses.

As the *Florida Portrait* project was discussed, the publications committee agreed to provide the board with a report in thirty days that would: (1) outline our obligations to sponsors; (2) provide final figures for the cost of production; (3) make recommendations for actions the Society should take in regard to Douglas Drown of the defunct publishing company Continental Heritage; (4) make recommendations regarding the marketing of the book, including the extent of the involvement on the part of the University of South Florida; and (5) make sure that we do not reverse the will or previous decisions of the board. If there is the need, the board will take action on specific items with a mail-vote.

In response to fiscal demands, the board voted to recommend the following changes in dues: (1) increase all individual and private membership categories \$5 per year, with the exception of the student category; (2) create a corporate membership

category with an annual membership of \$100; and (3) increase the library membership category \$10 per year. The recommended memberships are annual membership— \$25, family membership— \$30, library membership— \$35, contributing— \$55 and above, corporate membership— \$100, and student membership— \$15. The board approved an increase in the director's salary (to reflect his increased duties) through May of 1989, in the amount of \$7,500. On or before February 1, 1989, the director will present the board with an itemized budget for its approval. In the future, all budget reports will include the following: (1) itemized budget lines for all income and expenses; and (2) comparative figures for both of the immediate prior years, and one year in advance (the projected year). In the interim, no expenses beyond the day-to-day expenditures are approved, unless authorized by the Executive Committee.

In further response to fiscal responsibilities, the board requested: (1) that the director communicate with the executive directors of other state societies to discuss techniques for fund-raising; (2) that the Society consider the possibility of retaining a consultant to develop a comprehensive, two-year program to raise \$500,000; and (3) that during the current review of the by-laws, the committee consider the possibility of expanding the board to include members with the sole responsibility for fund-raising.

The board requested that the president, or a committee of his selection, approach the governor, the legislative leadership, and the cabinet to explore the possibility of establishing a cooperative, working relationship with the state of Florida.

President George expanded the library committee to include Rodney Dillon (chairman), Kathy Arsenault, Becky Smith, Gwendolyn Waldorf, and Michael Slicker. He charged the committee with the responsibility of reviewing the Society's holdings of books, prints, maps, manuscripts, and artifacts, and requested that the committee make recommendations as to their present and future status, especially the Audubon prints which are currently deteriorating.

Andrew Brian delivered the report of the Florida Historical Confederation, concluding with the suggestion that the by-laws committee review the status of the Confederation and determine whether it should continue as a standing committee or develop as a separate entity.

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Niles Shuh chairs a committee reviewing the Society's by-laws, giving special attention to the following items (in addition to those previously discussed in this meeting): the make-up of the Executive Committee, the line of succession, the status of the Newsletter editor, and the various duties and responsibilities of ex-officio members of the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS. . .

1989

May 11-13	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY– 87th MEETING	Gainesville, FL
May 11	FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION	Gainesville, FL
June 18-22	American Association of Museums	New Orleans, LA
Sept. 6-10	American Association for State and Local History	Seattle, WA
Sept. 28-30	Florida Trust for Historic Preservation	Lakeland, FL
Oct. 11-15	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Philadelphia, PA
Oct. 19-22	Oral History Association	Galveston, TX
Oct. 24-28	Society of American Archivists	St. Louis, MO
Nov. 3-5	Southern Jewish Historical Society	Charleston, SC
Nov. 9-12	Southern Historical Association	Lexington, KY
Dec. 28-30	American Historical Association	San Francisco, CA