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## **HISTORY NEWS**

### *Awards*

The American Association for State and Local History, at its annual meeting in Seattle, Washington, on September 8, presented an Award of Merit to the Key West Lighthouse Museum for the restoration of its building. Certificates of Commendation were received by Mark E. Fretwell, St. Augustine, for his service in the preservation of the heritage of the Chattahoochee Valley, and to Dorothy S. Smith, Winter Park, for cataloging and indexing historical materials on the city of Winter Park.

The Spain and America in the Quincentennial of the Discovery Committee awarded its 1988 prize, \$6,000, to Inga Clendinnen for her book, *Ambivalent Conquests*, published by Cambridge University Press. The second prize was awarded to James Lewis for his unpublished work, "The Final Campaign: The Rise and Fall of the Spanish Bahamas." The prizes are sponsored by the Program of Cooperation of the Spanish Ministry of Culture and the Universities of the United States in collaboration with the cultural office of the Embassy of Spain in the United States. The committee, through 1992, will continue to recognize distinguished works that relate to the presence of Spain in North America and with particular emphasis on Spanish contributions to the independence of the United States. For information about the prizes, contact the Cultural Counselor, Embassy of Spain, 2600 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Suite 214, Washington, DC 20037.

### *Announcements and Activities*

"Obligations to a Place: The Ethics of Florida Fiction," was the topic of a meeting sponsored by the Valencia Community College in Orlando, September 7-8, 1989. Florida authors participating in this conference included Janet Burroway, Patrick D. Smith, Enid Shomer, and Stephen Caldwell Wright. The program was funded by the Florida Endowment for the Humanities.

The Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be held in Tampa, November 8-11. The Harbour Island Hotel will serve as the convention headquarters. There will be special ceremonies marking the 450th anniversary of the landing of Hernando de Soto at Tampa Bay. For information on the conference, contact Nancy White, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620 (813-974-2209 or 974-3231).

The Florida Archaeological Council will sponsor its first annual forum entitled "Building the Future While Preserving the Past: The New Partnership," on the afternoon of November 16 at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville. The speakers are Jim Smith, Florida Secretary of State, and Dr. Kathleen Deagan, Florida Museum of Natural History. Other events include the dedication of the restored area of the Amelia Island Museum of History and an inspection of the Santa Catalina Mission site at Amelia Island Plantation, both in Fernandina.

The Jacksonville Historical Society presented a workshop, September 15-17. Among those making presentations were Dr. Daniel L. Schafer, University of North Florida; Joel McEachin, Jacksonville Planning Department; and Jean Sumner, Savannah Historical Society. Throughout the year the Jacksonville Historical Society and the city of Jacksonville work together to help local citizens become more aware of their past. The Society was actively involved in several historical celebrations in Jacksonville this year. On May 3, there were ceremonies marking the anniversary of the great fire of 1901; on May 17, the 1777 American Revolutionary Battle of Thomas Creek was recognized; and on June 30, the 1564 settlement at Fort Caroline was commemorated.

The Florida College Teachers of History will hold its next conference in March 1990 at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida. For information on the meeting, contact Dr. Larry J. Durrence, Department of History, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL 33801. Annual dues for faculty and administrators are \$10; students' dues are \$5. Dues payments go to Dr. Jim Mayes, Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Fred Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32205.

"W. J. Cash's *The Mind of the South* after Fifty Years" will be the theme of the annual Chancellor's Symposium in Southern History sponsored by the Department of History, University of Mississippi. The Symposium will be held at the University, October 1991. For information, write Dr. Charles W. Eagles, Department of History, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677 (601-232-7733).

The Forest History Group of the International Union of the Forestry Research Organization, in cooperation with the Forest History Society and the Organization of Tropical Studies, is sponsoring a conference on Latin American forest and conservation history. The theme is broadly defined to include those environmental issues that are pertinent to the history of land uses and policies. The organizers seek presentations from specialists in history, social sciences, and natural and physical sciences. The conference is scheduled for February 17-22, 1991, in San José, Costa Rica. Those interested in presenting a paper or attending the conference should contact Harold K. Steen, Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Avenue, Durham, NC 27701 (919-682-9391), or Richard P. Tucker, School of Natural Resources, University of Michigan, Dana Building, 430 East University, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (313-665-0870).

The Virginia Historical Society invites applications for its fellowship program. Applicants should send three copies of the following materials: a resume, two letters of recommendation, a description of the research project (not to exceed two double-spaced pages and stating the expected length of residency in the library), and a cover letter. Applications are due by January 15, 1990, to be considered for awards in the summer and fall of 1990. Awards will be made at the rate of \$250 per week. Applications should be sent to Nelson D. Lankford, chairman, Research Fellowship Committee, Virginia Historical Society, P. O. Box 7311, Richmond, VA 23221 (804-342-9672).

Lehigh University Press, in association with the Lawrence Henry Gibson Institute for Eighteenth-Century Studies, announces a manuscript competition in any aspect of eighteenth-century studies. A publications contract and \$1,500 will be awarded for the best book-length manuscript submitted in this field. Manuscripts must be submitted before December 1, 1991,

to the director, Lehigh University Press, 103 Coxe Lab, #32, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA 18015 (215-758-3933).

The Oral History Association will hold its twenty-fifth annual meeting, October 8-11, 1990, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Papers, panel discussions, media presentations, and workshop sessions are being solicited. All subjects concerning oral history are welcome. Panel presentations are especially encouraged. Each proposal should include the presenter's vitae; the title of the paper or panel; and a two-page, typed prospectus with thesis statement. Proposals must be submitted by December 31, 1989, to Richard Sweterlitsch, Department of English, 221 Old Mill, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405-0114.

The Phileus Society is sponsoring a Columbus Conference in Fort Lauderdale, November 10-12, 1989. It is designed to be of special interest to teachers, librarians, and writers, as well as the general public. The speakers include Dr. Michael Gannon, director, Institute of Early Contact Period Study, University of Florida; Dr. Mauricio Obregon, University of the Andes; Dr. Wilcomb Washburn, Smithsonian Institution; Dr. Julian Granberry, Bahamas Archaeological Team; Dr. Foster Provost, Duquesne University; Frederick Guardabassi, Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission; and Admiral Lemos, chairman, Geo-Arts Project to Construct Replicas of the *Niña*, *Pinta*, and *Santa Maria*. Of special interest to Florida historians will be the session relating to the Spanish presence in Florida. All sessions will be held at Pier 66 Resort and Marina in Fort Lauderdale and are open to the public. Registration is \$190. The Phileus Society office is at 2400-AE Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (305-524-3511).

#### *Obituary*

Theodore T. Wentworth, Jr., historian and museum builder, died in Pensacola, July 16, 1989. Born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1898, Mr. Wentworth lived all his adult life in Pensacola. He was active in local politics, serving as county commissioner and as tax collector. His great love was Pensacola and Florida history. He helped found the Pensacola Historical Society, and he urged the preservation of the military fortifications and the historic

commercial buildings and houses in the area. In 1957, he opened the T. T. Wentworth, Jr., Museum, and in 1983, he turned over his collections of artifacts, books, and manuscripts to the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board. The T. T. Wentworth, Jr., State Museum was opened in 1988 in Pensacola's old City Hall. It contains some 250,000 items. He was a member of the Florida Civil War Centennial Commission, and was president emeritus of the Pensacola Historical Society. Wentworth was recognized for his contributions to Florida history by the American Association for State and Local History, and in 1974, he received the Governor's Award from the Florida Arts Council. He also served as a member of the board of directors of the Florida Historical Society.