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Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will hold its eighty-eighth convention in Tampa, May 10, 11, and 12, 1990. The Florida Historical Confederation will hold its annual meeting and workshops at this time also. The convention hotel is the Busch Gardens Holiday Inn, 2701 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa (813-971-4710). Welcoming the delegates on Friday morning will be the mayor of Tampa; the chair of the Hillsborough County Commission; and James Judy, president of the Tampa Historical Society. Chairpersons and moderators for the planned sessions are Raymond Arsenault, USF-St. Petersburg; Pete Cowdrey, Museum of Florida History; Edward F. Keuchel, Florida State University; Glenda Alvin, St. Petersburg Junior College; Timothy Clemmons, AIA, Rowe, Holmes & Associates; James W. Covington, University of Tampa; Paul George, University of Miami; Mitchell Snay, Denison University; Gregory Padgett, Eckerd College; Joseph Cernik, Saint Leo College; David Shedden, The Poynter Institute for Media Studies; and Jackson Walker, Dade Battlefield Society. Presenting papers at the sessions are Pat Brewer, University of Georgia; Darden A. Pyron, Florida International University; Raymond Vickers, Florida State University; Frank Alduino, Anne Arundel Community College; Robert Snyder, University of South Florida; Jack E. Davis, Brandeis University; Melody Bailey, USF-St. Petersburg; Lawrence Cottrell, USF-St. Petersburg; Christian Warren, USF-St. Petersburg; Ron Haase, University of Florida; Steven Branch, University of South Florida; Lynn Ware, Winthrop College; Diana Jarvis Godwin, Historic Pensacola Preservation Board; William S. Coker, University of West Florida; Canter Brown, University of Florida; Janet S. Matthews, Sarasota Historical Society; Clifton Paisley, Florida State University; M. Edward Hughes, Tampa; Brian R. Rucker, Florida State University; Tracy J. Revels, Florida State University; Stephen Whitfield, Brandeis University; Jack McTague, Saint Leo College; James O. Horton, George Washington University and the Smithsonian

Institution; Peter Arnade, SUNY-Binghamton; William Dayton, Attorney; Leland Hawes, *Tampa Tribune*; Jim Clark, *Orlando Sentinel*; Eliot Klinberg, *Palm Beach Post*; Joan Morris, *Tallahassee Democrat*; James Michael Denham, Limestone College; David Coles, Florida Department of Archives and History; and Joe Knetsch, Department of Natural Resources.

The banquet will be held Friday evening at the Busch Gardens Holiday Inn. Stetson Kennedy will speak on "Palmetto Country: A Retrospective." 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 presented.

The History Fair projects will be on exhibit throughout the conference in ballroom A and B, and prizes will be awarded on Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. The President's reception and concert will be held following the banquet. The annual J. Leitch Wright Memorial Run, Walk, Crawl will be held on Saturday morning. Thomas Graham is the run master. The Society's annual picnic will be held at University of Tampa campus at 1:15 p.m., Saturday, following the Society's annual business meeting and final sessions. There will be tours of the Museum of Science and Industry and the University of South Florida Library on Thursday afternoon. A tour of Ybor City, given by L. Glenn Westfall, is scheduled for Friday at 5:30 p.m., and a tour of the University of Tampa and Historic Plant Hotel will be available on Saturday afternoon. The board of directors will hold its business meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday. James Judy is in charge of local arrangements.

Florida Historical Confederation

Registration for the Florida Historical Confederation meeting at the Busch Gardens Holiday Inn, Thursday, May 10, 1990, begins at 8:00 a.m. in the hotel alcove. The Confederation has scheduled three panels on that day. Presenting papers or serving as moderators are Nick Wynne, Florida Historical Society; Ronald Cooper, Florida Endowment for the Humanities; Michael Brothers, Museum of Florida History; Ellen Babb, Heritage Park; Gail Conner, Museum of Florida History; John Abendroth, MOSI; Paul E. Camp, University of South Florida; Robert Taylor, Lightner Museum; and David Brown, Dade City.

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 1989: Alachua County— University of Florida Campus Historic District, Evinston Community Store and Post Office, Pleasant Street Historic District, and Old WRUF Radio Station; Broward County— Joseph W. Young House; Charlotte County— Punta Gorda Fish Company Ice House; Columbia County— Fort White School Historic District; Dade County— Downtown Miami Multiple Resources, Entrance to Central Miami, and Venetian Causeway; Duval County— Avondale Historic District; Escambia County— Alger-Sullivan Lumber Company Residential Historic District; Highlands County— Multiple Resources of Sebring; Hillsborough County— Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Island; Lee County— Lee County Court House and Buckingham School; Leon County— Tall Timbers Plantation, Covington House, and Los Robles Gate; Levy County— Cedar Keys Historic and Archaeological District; Liberty County— Otis Hare Archaeological Site; Palm Beach County— Old Lake Worth City Hall; Pinellas County— Pass-a-Grille Historic District; Polk County— Old Polk County Court House and C. L. Johnson House; St. Lucie County— St. Lucie Village Historic District; Sarasota County— Multiple Resources of Venice; Seminole County— Sanford Residential Historic District; Taylor County— Old Taylor County Jail and Old Perry Post Office; Volusia County— New Smyrna Woman's Club, Historic Winter Residences of Ormond Beach, and Old DeLand Memorial Hospital; and Washington County— South Third Street Historic District.

William and Sue Goza Collection

The William and Sue Goza Collection of Historical Newspapers has been presented to the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida. The Collection, spanning almost 100 years from 1768-1865, includes over 900 newspapers from New York, Philadelphia, New England, and the South. The papers contain stories, correspondence, editorials, sketches, and other references about people and events in Florida. An authority who has examined the Collection notes its great value. "The papers covering the War of 1812 and the articles on Amelia

Island, as well as the Indian Wars, are exceptionally complete." The P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History has a major collection of nineteenth- and twentieth-century Florida and southern newspapers. The William and Sue Goza Collection of Historical Newspapers is a valuable addition to the library and will be important for research scholars.

Margaret L. Chapman Memorial

The Margaret L. Chapman Photographic Preservation Room was dedicated in her memory at the University of South Florida Library. Ms. Chapman was, for many years, the executive secretary of the Florida Historical Society and librarian at the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History at the University of Florida before she was appointed director of Special Collections at the University of South Florida. She was the editor of the facsimile edition of *Florida Breezes: Or Florida New and Old*, by Ellen Call Long, which was reprinted in 1962 by the University of Florida Press in the Florida Facsimile and Reprint Series.

Awards

Florida Congressman Charles E. Bennett of Jacksonville received the annual D. B. McKay Award from the Tampa Historical Society, November 16, 1989. This state-wide award is presented to persons who have made "significant contributions to the cause of Florida history." Congressman Bennett is the author of several books on Florida history; the latest is *Twelve on the River St. Johns*, published by the University of Florida Press.

The Florida Folklife Council annually presents the Florida Folk Heritage Awards to outstanding folk artists and folk culture advocates. The recipients of the 1989 Heritage Awards were E. W. "Judge" Carswell of Chipley. His books and articles describe the folklife and folklore of northwest Florida, including his native Holmes County. Mr. Carswell helped found the Wausau Possum Festival and the Ponce de Leon Collard Festival. A second recipient was Nikitas Tsimouris of Tarpon Springs, who plays Greek folk tunes at community festivals. A third annual winner was Robert R. "Chubby" Wise from Glen St. Mary, who was recognized for his role in defining a distinctive bluegrass fiddle style. The award ceremonies were dedi-

cated to the memories of Zora Neale Hurston and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. The Council invites nominations for the 1990 Florida Folk Heritage Awards. Nominees should be worthy of state recognition and relate directly to Florida folklife. Nominations should be directed to the Florida Folklife Council, Florida Folklife Programs, P. O. Box 265, White Springs, FL 32096.

Announcements and Activities

"The Richard Aloysus Twine: Photographer of Lincolnville, 1922-1927," is an exhibit of photographs taken by Twine, St. Augustine's first known black photographer. This exhibit opened at the St. Augustine Historical Society Library in February 1990 to commemorate Black History Month. The sixty-six pictures included are from a collection of glass plates that were found in a house in St. Augustine that was being demolished. Twine's photography studio was on Washington Street, a business area for the St. Augustine black community. Dr. Patricia C. Griffin and Diana S. Edwards of St. Augustine interviewed members of the local black community to secure information needed to identify and interpret Twine's pictures. The exhibit was supported by a grant from the Florida Endowment for the Humanities. It is available as a travelling exhibit to schools and organizations. Address inquiries to Page Edwards, director, St. Augustine Historical Society, 271 Charlotte Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084 (904-824-2872).

The Pensacola Historical Society celebrated its fifty-seventh anniversary at a dinner meeting, March 19, 1990, with John R. Thompson, publisher of *Pensacola Magazine* as guest speaker. The Society was founded February 14, 1933, and chartered one month later. The first meeting was in the Hotel San Carlos with H. Clay Armstrong presiding as president. The Society helped organize Pensacola's first festival, "The Festival of Five Flags," and the 1959 Florida Quadricentennial Celebration. It operates the Pensacola Historical Museum in Old Christ Church, and the society's library and archives will be available for research in the Beacon Building.

The Dade Battlefield Society, Inc., invites both memberships and participation in its various activities. The Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community

Center at Dade Battlefield Park in Bushnell. The Society annually sponsors a reenactment of the Dade battle at the Dade Battlefield Park. For information on membership, write the Society, P. O. Box 309, Bushnell, FL 33513.

The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (SASESC) invites submissions for its annual competition. An award of \$250 will be given for the best article on an eighteenth-century subject published in a scholarly journal, annual, or collection between September 1, 1989, and August 31, 1990, by a member of SASECS or a person living or working in the SASECS area (Florida is included). Authors may submit their work to Professor Vincent Carretta, Department of English, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. Articles must be submitted in triplicate, post-marked by November 9, 1990.

The Travel to Collections Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities provides grants of \$750 to assist American scholars to meet the costs of long-distance travel to research collections, archives collections, museums, and other repositories throughout the United States and the world. The next application deadline is July 15, 1990. Information is available by contacting the Travel to Collections Program, Division of Fellowships and Seminars, Room 316, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506.

In honor of Professor Louis R. Harlan, the University of Maryland at College Park is presenting a conference titled "The Age of Booker T. Washington" on May 2-3, 1990. Professor Harlan will speak on "White Southerner as Historian of the Black Experience," with comments by John Hope Franklin, August Meier, and C. Vann Woodward. The other keynote address will be delivered by Professor Leon Litwack on "The Two Americas: Race Relations in the South in the Era of Booker T. Washington." The sessions, all open to the public, will be on the University of Maryland campus and at the National Archives, Washington, DC. For information on the conference and hotel accommodations, write Booker T. Washington Conference, Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

The University of Kentucky announces the Martin Luther King, Jr., Prize for research in African-American history. The prize of \$500 will be awarded biennially for an article published in the preceeding two years. Scholarly articles in the field of African-American history, published in the calendar years 1989 and 1990, are eligible for the first award to be announced in February 1991. Submissions and nominations should be sent to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Prize Committee, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506. The deadline is December 31, 1990.

The Oral History Association will hold its 1991 annual meeting on October 10-13, 1991, at Snowbird, near Salt Lake City, Utah. Proposals for papers, panels, and speakers, particularly on such things as women, ethnic topics, and the region of the American West should be sent by December 1, 1990, to either of the program co-chairs: Jay M. Haymond, Utah State Historical Society, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, or Rebecca Sharpless, Institute for Oral History, B. U. Box 7271, Baylor University, Waco, TX 76798. The 1990 annual meeting of the association will be held November 8-11, 1990, in Cambridge, MA. For program information contact Richard C. Smith, OHA Executive Secretary, 1093 Boston Avenue, 720, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

The *Journal of Confederate History* invites the submission of articles, book reviews, and book length manuscripts on the Civil War for publication in the *Journal* or through the Guild Bindery Press. For information, write the Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Confederate History*, Box 2071, Lakeway Station, Paris, TN 38242.

A prize for the best new work by an American Indian writer has been established by the University of Nebraska Press. The award will be presented annually. The award-winning manuscript will be published as a book, and its author will receive an advance of \$1,000. The deadline for submissions this year is July 1, 1990. For rules and entry forms, write American Indian Prose Award, University of Nebraska Press, 327 Nebraska Hall, Lincoln, NE 68588.

“The Interaction of Cultures in the Antebellum South” will be the topic of the Porter L. Fortune Chancellor’s Symposium on Southern History to be held at the University of Mississippi, October 3-5, 1990. The meeting will examine how blacks influenced white culture, how whites influenced black culture, and the degree to which interaction was possible under slavery. Sessions will consider a number of topics including religion, the use of nature, architecture, work and economic attitudes, and music. For additional information, contact Ted Ownby, Department of History, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.

The Fellowship of Southern Writers was formed in 1988 by a group of Southerners to recognize distinction in southern letters and to encourage writing by young writers from the South. Awards will be given every two years. For additional information, write Sally Robinson, Arts and Education Council, Suite 201, 424 Torture Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403.

The Virginia Historical Society is sponsoring “New Directions in Virginia History,” a conference designed to bring together historians, archivists, and teachers of all periods of the Commonwealth’s history. It is scheduled for October 11-13, 1990. Five plenary sessions will consider Virginia history chronologically, and sessions will present specialized topics. During these sessions, leading historians will present papers and two panelists— one a historian and the other an archivist— will offer comment. Four teaching workshops will be included among the sessions. For information, write William B. Obrochta, Virginia Historical Society, P. O. Box 7311, Richmond, VA 23221.

Obituary

Clarissa Anderson Gibbs of St. Augustine died January 21, 1990. Mrs. Gibbs and her family have had a major impact on the history of St. Augustine since the mid 1880s. She was the daughter of Dr. Andrew Anderson, the friend and confidante of Henry M. Flagler. Her family home, Markland, on which construction began in 1839, is part of the Flagler College complex. Dr. Anderson was a benefactor of St. Augustine, St. Johns

County, and the University of Florida. Through her continued interest in St. Augustine, Mrs. Gibbs received, in January 1987, the Order of La Florida, the city's highest honor. Among the many philanthropies of Mrs. Gibbs and her family were the stone lions for the Bridge of Lions in St. Augustine and funds to beautify the ends of the bridge and to establish a park and harbors at the west end. She commissioned the writing and publication of *The Awakening of St. Augustine: The Anderson Family and the Oldest City, 1921-1924*, by Dr. Thomas Graham of Flagler College.