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ANNUAL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH  
MEETING OF THE  
FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
AND FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION  
WORKSHOPS 1990

Busch Gardens Holiday Inn  
Tampa, Florida

PROGRAM

Thursday, May 10

FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION

Session I: *Public Funding for Public Organizations*

Chair: Nick Wynne, Florida Historical Society  
Panel: Ronald Cooper, Florida Endowment for the  
Humanities  
Michael Brothers, Museum of Florida History

Session II: *Volunteers and Outreach Program— Three Profiles*

Chair: Ellen Babb, Heritage Park  
Panel: Gail Conner, Museum of Florida History  
John Abendroth, MOSI

Session III: *Collections Use and Management— Three Profiles*

Chair: Paul E. Camp, University of South Florida  
Panel: Robert Taylor, Lightner Museum  
David Brown, Pioneer Museum, Dade City

Special Session: *Realism, Romanticism, and Southern Literature:*  
*Lillian Smith and Margaret Mitchell*

- Chair: Raymond O. Arsenault, University of South Florida– St. Petersburg  
Papers: “Lillian Smith: A Southern Writer”  
Pat Brewer, University of Georgia  
“Margaret Mitchell”  
Darden A. Pyron, Florida International University

Friday, May 11

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SESSIONS

Session I: *Tampa in the 1920s*

- Chair: Edward F. Keuchel, Florida State University  
Panel: Raymond Vickers, Florida State University  
“The Banking Crash of ‘26 and Its Impact on Tampa Bay”  
Frank Alduino, Anne Arundel Community College  
“The Damnest Town This Side of Hell: Tampa, 1920-29”  
Robert Snyder, University of South Florida  
“The Burgert Brothers: Pioneer Florida Photographers”

Session II: *War and Peace: Florida in the '40s*

- Chair: Glenda Alvin, St. Petersburg Junior College  
Panel: Jack E. Davis, Brandeis University  
“The Lynching of Jesse James Payne (1945)”  
Melody Bailey, University of South Florida– St. Petersburg  
“The Yellow Peril in St. Petersburg”  
Lawrence Cottrell, University of South Florida– St. Petersburg  
“The Development of Roebing’s ‘Alligator’”

Session III: *Man Made Florida*

- Chair: Timothy Clemmons, AIA, Rowe, Holmes & Associates  
Panel: Christian Warren, University of South Florida– St. Petersburg

“Booms, Busts, and Bungalows: Development  
Patterns in St. Petersburg, 1888-1926”

Ron Haase, University of Florida

“My Personal Search for Cracker Florida”

Steven Branch, University of South Florida

“The World of Cypress Gardens”

Session IV: *West Florida in the 19th Century*

Chair: James W. Covington, University of Tampa

Panel: Lynn Willoughby, Winthrop College

“The Port of Apalachicola in the 19th Century”

Diana Jarvis Godwin, Historic Pensacola Preser-  
vation Board

“Deer Point and Sabine Island: Quarantine and  
Yellow Fever in West Florida, 1876-1929”

William S. Coker, University of West Florida

“Poetry and Politics in Pensacola in 1821”

Session V: *Regionalism in Florida: Recent Studies*

Chair: Paul George, University of Miami

Panel: Canter Brown, Jr., University of Florida

“The Peace River Region”

Jack D. L. Holmes, Birmingham, Alabama

“Billy Bowlegs in New York”

Clifton Paisley, Florida State University

“The Red Hills of Florida”

Session VI: *The Civil War in Florida*

Chair: Mitchell Snay, Denison University

Panel: M. Edward Hughes, Tampa

“Governor John Milton”

Brian R. Rucker, Florida State University

“The Unionists of West Florida”

Tracy J. Revels, Florida State University

“Lest Other Hearts Bleed: Tallahassee Women  
in the Civil War”

Session VII: *Race, Religion and Ethnicity in Modern Florida*

Chair: Gregory Padgett, Eckerd College

Panel: Stephen Whitfield, Brandeis University  
"The Jews of South Florida"  
Jack McTague, Saint Leo College  
"The Muslims of Tampa"  
James O. Horton, George Washington University  
and the Smithsonian Institution  
"Getting Beyond the Dark Continent: African-  
Americans and the Preservation of American  
History"

Session VIII: *Pasco County: Origins and Early Life*

Chair: Joseph Cernik, Saint Leo College  
Panel: Peter Arnade, SUNY-Binghamton  
"The Establishment of the San Antonio Colony"  
William Dayton, Attorney  
"Fort Dade Country: The Origins of Eastern  
Pasco"

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BANQUET

Presiding: Hampton Dunn, president  
Speaker: Stetson Kennedy, Green Cove Springs, Florida

Presentation of Awards

Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History  
presented by Samuel Proctor to George Klos

Rembert W. Patrick Book Prize  
presented by David Colburn to James W. Button

Charlton W. Tebeau Book Prize  
presented by Jerrell Shofner to Raymond Arsenault

LeRoy Collins Prize  
presented by Nick Wynne to  
Canter Brown, Jr., University of Florida

Caroline Mays Brevard Prize  
presented by Nick Wynne to  
Lawrence Cottrell, University of South Florida

Saturday, May 12

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Session IX: *Journalists and the Writing of Florida History*

- Chair: David Shedden, The Poynter Institute for Media Studies
- Panel: Leland Hawes, *Tampa Tribune*  
Jim Clark, *Orlando Sentinel*  
Elliot Kleinberg, *Palm Beach Post*  
Joan Morris, *Tallahassee Democrat*

Session X: *The Seminole Wars*

- Chair: Jackson Waller, president, Dade Battlefield Society
- Panel: James Michael Denham, Limestone College  
"Some Prefer the Seminoles: Violence Among Soldiers and Settlers in the Second Seminole War"  
David Coles, Florida Department of Archives and History  
"The Moods of War: Officers' and Soldiers' Attitudes toward the Third Seminole War"  
Joseph Knetsch, Florida Department of Natural Resources  
"John Westcott and the Coming of the Third Seminole War: Perspectives from Within"

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 10, 1990

The semi-annual meeting of the officers and board of directors of the Florida Historical Society was convened at 2:00 p.m. at the Busch Gardens Holiday Inn, Tampa, May 10, 1990, by Hampton Dunn, president. Those attending included Kathleen H. Arsenault, David R. Colburn, Rodney E. Dillon, J. Larry Durrence, Joe Knetsch, Marinus H. Latour, Eugene Lyon, Stuart B. McIver, Joan P. Morris, John W. Partin, Eugene W.

Roach, Rebecca Smith, and executive director Lewis N. Wynne. Also present were Ann Prentice and Pat Riggins.

The minutes for the December 1989 board of directors meeting, as published in the *Florida Historical Quarterly* (April 1989), and the March 17, 1990, executive committee meeting were approved.

Dr. Nick Wynne began his director's annual report by introducing Pat Riggins, the Society's new secretary, who assumed her position on April 6. Mrs. Riggins is updating records on membership and support services. The computer database program also is being replaced with a more reliable system. Dr. Wynne reported that membership has increased to 2,010 members, and he thanked the board, and particularly Stuart McIver and Sam Proctor for recruiting new members.

Dr. Wynne introduced Dr. Ann Prentice, University of South Florida vice-president of Information Services, who is the University's liaison with the Society. Board members thanked Dr. Prentice for her assistance with the personnel change, and emphasized the desire for closer supervision. Dr. Prentice understands the need to satisfy both the Florida Historical Society and the University of South Florida's administration, and Dr. Wynne mentioned several steps that he is taking to help strengthen this relationship.

Dr. Wynne and Paul Camp are considering ways to inventory the Society's holdings in the University of South Florida Special Collections. Dr. Prentice expressed her interest in working with the Future of the Society Oversight Committee on long-range planning. Within two years the University of South Florida Library will have exceeded its capacity, and Dr. Prentice is seeking ways to ensure the Society's space needs for collections and offices will be considered by the University facilities committee over the next five years. Dr. Wynne commented on the Society's strong and pleasant relationship with the University.

A new agreement will be signed between the Society and the University. The University provides the Society \$17,500 annually. In return the Society's collections are available to students and faculty, and the Society publishes the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Although not specified in the formal contract, the University also pays for the secretary and processes the Society's collections. The estimated cash value of the University's total contribution, including space, exceeded \$67,000 in 1988. The contract

with the University specifies that the Society will provide monthly reports, an inventory of University equipment and furniture being used, and an audit prepared by a CPA. Dr. Prentice asked that she also receive monthly financial statements and urged the Society to inventory its collections.

Dr. Wynne also noted that a more user-friendly software has been introduced for Society staff; that a time schedule and operating procedures for financial matters have been developed; that Mrs. Riggins was employed subject to a six-month probation period; that periodic reviews of management will be conducted more frequently; that extra activities and services will be reduced; and that a more simplified file system is being established.

Dr. Wynne reported that the Society's book, *Florida Portrait*, is expected to be published by Pineapple Press by September 1. The sum of \$9,200 in outstanding commitments from two sponsors will not be honored, and, of the original thirty-eight sponsors, only thirty-two remain. The Society is accepting pre-publication orders with a 20 percent discount. Dr. Jerrell Shofner is the author, and Leland Hawes is writing the jacket notes.

Dr. Wynne reported on the progress and preliminary bids received by Dr. Proctor on the publication of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* index. He recommended that publication be delayed until the *Florida Portrait* investment has been replaced. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to delay further work on the project for six months. The motion was amended to obtain the input of Dr. Proctor, editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, and the publications committee in the decision-making process. The motion, as amended, was passed.

The status of the Golden Quill awards was noted. Dr. Wynne reported that thirty-four entries had been received for print media and three entries for electronic media. Awards will be presented at the banquet to Stuart McIver for print media and to Hampton Dunn for electronic media.

The financial statement was reviewed and discussed, Revenue shortfalls were noted: \$9,200 was not received for the *Florida Portrait*, and the tour to Spain and Portugal netted about \$1,500 instead of the anticipated \$9,000. Expenditures consequently are being readjusted. The toll-free telephone number, for example, will be discontinued on June 30. Pursuant to accountant and finance committee recommendations, employees



are now bonded. About \$5,000 may be received from the state of Florida by the Society within three weeks for a summer teachers institute.

Dr. Wynne noted the existence of a list of the Society's materials, and indicated he has sent a letter asking for verification of their location. The list was compiled from listings in the *Florida Historical Quarterly* in 1979 by Marcia Kanner and Linda Ellsworth. Dr. Wynne recommended that the Society locate these materials and negotiate new loan contracts. Dr. Colburn reported that he and Dr. Proctor have catalogued the materials at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville. Most of the items are stored at the Museum. A motion was passed supporting Dr. Wynne's recommendation.

Mrs. Helen Cubberly Ellerbee of Gainesville has donated 312 shares of Goodyear stock to the Society to underwrite an essay contest for high school students. Mrs. Ellerbee, whose father Judge Fred Cubberly was a former president of the Society, will make a formal presentation of the stock at the banquet. Mr. Dunn thanked Marinus Latour for his work with Mrs. Ellerbee. Board members discussed the gift and the award. The rules and regulations for the prize will be distributed at the Summer Teacher Institutes.

Stuart McIver, chair of the nominating committee, presented his committee's report, which will be acted upon by the membership at the business meeting. Other committee members were Eugene Roach, Joe Knetsch, Larry Durrence, and Olive Peterson. Nominations include: Marinus Latour, vice-president; and for directors, Niles Schuh, District 1; John Partin, District 2; Sam Davis, District 2; Kathleen Arsenault, At Large; and Lester May, At Large. Dr. Colburn moved that Randy Nimnicht be added to the slate as an At Large member. Becky Smith observed that she had been appointed last year to fill out Michael Slicker's term, with possible election in this year. After discussion, the motion was approved.

The *Florida Historical Quarterly* report is being mailed to the Society office for distribution to the board. According to Dr. Proctor the color of the cover of the journal will be changed beginning with the July 1990 issue.

Dr. Wynne reported on plans for the 1991 meeting of the Society in Orlando. Mr. Dunn, Dr. Robert Snyder, Dr. Wynne, and Sara Van Arsdale, local arrangements chair, have selected

the Harley Hotel as the first choice location, and the Radisson Hotel as the back-up site. The theme of the program will be twentieth century cultural and social history. The meeting is scheduled for May 10-11, 1991.

Dr Wynne reported that the May 7-9, 1992, meeting of the Society is scheduled for St. Augustine. The Ponce de Leon Motor Lodge is the convention hotel. The first Tri-State (Florida, Georgia, and Alabama) biennial meeting will convene in St. Augustine, October 4-6, 1990. The program will include sessions on the environment, ethnicity, and on Stetson Kennedy's book, *Palmetto Country*. In 1992 a conference on the War of Jenkins Ear is scheduled for St. Simons Island, Georgia, and St. Augustine. Page Edwards of the St. Augustine Historical Society is coordinating that meeting.

The board discussed the financial report and the proposed budget. The CPA's financial statement for the previous fiscal year should be received by the end of May. Dr. Colburn urged the finance committee to review the budget and the CPA's statement as soon as possible. The CPA has recommended some changes in the financial reports.

Dr. Lyon announced that a house bill embodying changes in the structure of the St. Augustine Historic Preservation Board is before the state legislature. The bill recommends that one of the board members be appointed by the Florida Historical Society. Dr. Colburn asked that the process of making a written evaluation of the executive director, begun last year, be completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

#### Minutes of the Business Meeting

May 12, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. at the Busch Gardens Holiday Inn, Tampa, by Hampton Dunn, president of the Florida Historical Society. Mr. Dunn noted that this is the eighty-eighth meeting of the Society. He thanked the officers and members of the Tampa Historical Society for their work on arrangements for the convention.

Nominations committee chairman Stuart McIver recognized the other members of the committee, and submitted the following slate of officers and directors: Marinus Latour, vice-presi-

dent; Niles Schuh, District 1 director; John Partin, District 2 director; Sam Davis, District 2 director; Kathleen Arsenault, At Large director; and Lester May, At Large director. The recommended slate was elected unanimously.

Dr. William Adams moved that the Florida Historical Society resolve to support Florida House bill 777 and the equivalent senate bill that will assist historic preservation activities in Florida. The house bill provides a source of revenue for historic preservation by dedicating income from the registration of fictitious names to the Historic Preservation Trust Fund. The motion was approved.

Dr. Paul George moved that the Florida Historical Society support the preservation of Florida's historic preservation boards. Dr. Adams moved that the motion be amended to exclude the St. Augustine Historic Preservation Board, and specifically name the other boards. The motion, as amended, was approved.

Dr. Adams moved approval of a resolution supporting the House Regulatory Reform Committee plan to reauthorize the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board. The proposed measure would change the method of selecting board members so that nominees would come from professional and scholarly organizations. After discussion, Dr. Colburn moved that the motion be amended to a general motion supporting the concept and that Dr. Adams be requested to add more specific information. The motion, as amended, passed.

Dr. Wynne asked approval of a resolution recognizing the centennial celebration of Plant Hall at the University of Tampa. The motion was approved.

Dr. Wynne noted that Hillsborough County has passed a resolution proclaiming the Florida Historical Society as the state's oldest cultural organization and congratulating the Society upon its meeting in Tampa.

Joe Knetsch submitted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Florida Historical Society is built upon a foundation of scholarship, friendship, and moral and financial support by its faithful members, and

WHEREAS the Society strives to retain the heritage and history of all Floridians, and

WHEREAS the Society grows and prospers by the willing and loyal support of all its members,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida Historical Society deeply regrets and mourns the passing of the following members: Anthony L. Carrad, C. A. Clopton, John J. Crews, L. G. Gramling, and T. T. Wentworth, Jr. President Dunn asked all present to stand for a moment of silence.

Mr. Knetsch presented a second resolution:

WHEREAS the Florida Historical Society strives to promote the history and heritage of all Floridians, and

WHEREAS the Society urges all Floridians to retain and build upon their history and heritage, and

WHEREAS the Society vigorously opposes attempts to destroy or deface any site which has historical significance, be it buildings, burial places, or natural sites.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida Historical Society opposes the attempts of certain parties to destroy and physically abuse the site of historic Fort Drane in northwestern Marion County, Florida.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution to add: And would urge the support of the Department of State and/or local interests and recognize this as an important historic site deserving preservation. In the ensuing discussion, it was explained that the site is being mined for kitty litter and is being used as a toxic waste dump. A motion was made and seconded to add: And that copies of this resolution be sent to appropriate national, state, and local authorities and private interests involved. The motion, as twice amended, was approved.

The membership approved Dr. Wynne's request to write a resolution recognizing Marjory Stoneman Douglas on her 100th birthday, and her contributions to Florida historical and conservation movements.

On behalf of Dr. Colburn, Dr. Wynne moved that the Society authorize the executive committee to work with those individuals and groups that support the Society's position relating to the matter of the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board. The motion was approved.

Dr. Wynne presented the executive director's report. He asked members to submit information about local activities and issues for the Society's newsletter. He also urged members to recruit at least one new member each during the coming year.

Dr. Proctor, editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, thanked all who have supported the journal during the past year and in

previous years. He also expressed appreciation to the University of Florida for its support. He thanked the staff of the Florida State Archives, particularly Joan Morris and David Coles, for their assistance. Dr. Proctor asked members to provide photographs for use on the cover of the journal, as well as new books dealing with any aspect of Florida history for book notes or reviews. He expressed thanks for the work of the editorial board, his office staff, and the *Quarterly's* editorial assistant, Everett Caudle. Canter Brown, Jr., is the newly appointed editorial assistant, beginning August 1. Dr. Proctor encouraged members to submit articles to the journal and announced that the *Quarterly* will have a new color cover beginning with the July issue.

Dr. Wynne noted that Greenwood Press has published a guide to Florida history sources, edited by Paul George. Many of the articles were written by members of the Society.

Mr. Dunn thanked Dr. Ray Arsenault for arranging the program for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

#### GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY 1989-1990

During the calendar year 1989, the Florida Historical Society received the following items as gifts: the records of the Hillsborough County Democratic Party for the years 1970-1988; from Allison Kelley, Department of Defense, Menwith AFB, England, a collection of fifty-four Florida postcards; from Central Michigan University, twenty-five Florida roadmaps from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s; from Jackson Walker, president, Dade Battlefield Commission, Dade City, his lithograph, "The Forlorn Hope of Ft. King Road"; from Richard Rowe, six lithographic prints of Florida scenes; and a total of forty-three books. During the annual appeal for 1989, the Society received \$8,200. The Saunders Foundation awarded the Society a grant of \$1,600 for the purchase of new computer equipment.

**G**REAT EXPECTATIONS . . .

1990

Oct. 17-21	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Charleston, SC
Oct. 19	Opening of "Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida	Miami, FL
Oct. 31- Nov. 3	Southern Historical Association	New Orleans, LA
Nov. 2-3	Florida State Genealogical Society	Jacksonville, FL
Nov, 2-4	Southern Jewish Historical Association	Jackson, MS
Nov. 8- 11	Oral History Association	Cambridge, MA
Dec. 27-30	American Historical Association	New York, NY

1991

Apr. 18-19	Society of Florida Archivists	Miami, FL
May9-11	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 89th MEETING	Orlando, FL
May 9	FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION	Orlando, FL
Oct. 3-5	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola, FL SC

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