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## **HISTORY NEWS**

### *Annual Meeting*

The ninetieth convention of the Florida Historical Society will be held in St. Augustine, May 7-9, 1992, at the Ponce de Leon Resort and Conference Center. Reservations should be made with the hotel (904-824-2821). The Florida Historical Confederation will hold its sessions on the first day of the meeting. These will cover Resources, Programs, and Opportunities; Interactive Exhibits; and Projections for Public Funding. Sara Van Arsdel, Confederation chair, will discuss "Is the Confederation Needed?" at the luncheon session.

A total of fifty-one historians, anthropologists, archaeologists, Indian specialists, teachers, graduate students, and writers will present papers and chair the sessions. Papers and panels will relate to Florida artists and authors, women in Spanish Florida, the cattle industry, Minorcans, medicine in early Florida, Colonial Florida, African-Americans in Florida, Conservation and Recreation, Land Acquisitions, Archaeological Surveys, Indians, the postbellum and Gilded Age periods, the Plant and Flagler steamships, famous Floridians, colonial and territorial St. Augustine, World War II in Florida, and European discovery and exploration.

The Lightner Museum is sponsoring a reception from 4:45-7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, and on Friday evening there will be a wine and cheese party hosted by the University Presses of Florida and the Florida Historical Society. Hampton Dunn, the outgoing president, will preside at the banquet on Friday evening. The winners of the Golden Quill Media Awards, Frederick Cubberly Prize, Governor LeRoy Collins Prize, Carolyn Mays Brevard Prize, Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Prize, Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize, Charlton W. Tebeau Prize, and the President's Service Awards will be announced at the banquet. Special Donor Awards will be made to Hector C. Borghetty, the Raymond C. Kane family, Caroline P. Rossetter, and Ella Fort Rossetter.

The annual J. Leitch Wright Walk-Run-Crawl Mile Adventure, led by Thomas Graham, will be held on Saturday morning.

The St. Augustine Historical Society will be the hosts for the annual picnic on Saturday at the close of the session. There will be a general membership and business meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Two historic houses— the Oldest House and the Ximenez-Fatio House— will be open for convention attenders.

History fair projects will be displayed in the Flagler Room, and prizes will be awarded at a ceremony in the Ponce Room, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Saturday. The History Fair exhibits will be coordinated by Scott Brown. The chairman of the joint local arrangements and program committee for the convention is Dr. Eugene Lyon. Members of this committee are Susan Parker, Page Edwards, and Daniel Schafer.

#### *Journeys for the Junior Historian*

The most recent issue— Winter 1992— of *Journeys for the Junior Historian*, published by the Florida Historical Society, includes several articles that are geared to young readers: “Baseball in the 1890s,” by James J. Horgan; “The *Manatee*, A Florida Steamboat,” by Pamela N. Gibson; “Colonial Pensacola: A Kid’s-Eye View,” by Kent Rossow; and “Cracker,” by James M. Dehnam. The winner of the “Draw the Ships” contest from the fall issue of *Journeys* is Gisela Garcia, a seventh-grade student at Sligh Junior High School in Tampa. *Journeys* is published three times a year by the Florida Historical Society. The editor is Lucy Fuchs. The annual subscription rate is \$5 a year. For subscription and membership information, write to the Society, P. O. Box 290197, Tampa, FL 33687-0197.

#### *National Register of Historic Places*

The Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, reports that the following Florida properties were added to the National Register of Historic Places during the year 1991: *Alachua County*— High Springs Historic District. *Brevard County*— Aladdin Theater. *Broward County*— Old Dillard School. *Charlotte County*— Bull Bay Icing Station; H. W. Smith Building; First National Bank Building; Punta Gorda Residential Historic District; Punta Gorda Woman’s Club; West Coast Fish Cabin; and Willis Fish Cabin. *Clay County*— Green Cove Springs Historic District. *Dixie County*— Garden Patch Archaeological Site. *Duval County*— Carling Hotel and Little Theater. *Escambia County*— King-Hooten

House. *Hardee County*— Albert Carlton Estate. *Hendry County*— Clewiston Inn. *Hillsborough County*— Episcopal House of Prayer; and Old Tampa Free Public Library. *Indian River County*— Old Palmetto Hotel. *Jefferson County*— Lloyd Historic District. *Lake County*— Eustis Woman's Club. *Lee County*— Captiva Rocks Ice House; Edison Winter Home; Henderson Fish Cabin; Larson Fish Cabin; Leneer Fish Cabin; Norton Fish Cabin; Point Blanco Ice House; Whidden Fish Cabin; and White Rock Shoals Fish Cabin. *Orange County*— Mitchill-Tibbetts House. *Palm Beach County*— Old Palm Beach Junior College Building. *Pinellas County*— Arfares Sponge Warehouse; Meres Sponge Warehouse; and Tarpon Springs Historic District. *Polk County*— Mountain Lake House. *St. Johns County*— Lincolnville Historic District and Shell Bluff Landing Site. *Santa Rosa County*— Blackwater Schooner Site. *Sarasota County*— Eagle Point Historic District and Keith Estate. *Volusia County*— Southern Cassadaga Historic District and Stetson University Historic District.

#### *Little White House Museum*

Dedication of President Harry S. Truman's Little White House as a museum took place November 8, 1991. Located on the grounds of the Navy Submarine Base in Key West, it was the vacation home of President and Mrs. Truman from 1946 through 1952. The property was donated to the state of Florida in 1986, and was restored by private funds under the direction of Arva Moore Parks of Miami and Elizabeth K. Ehrbar. Built in 1890, the house and grounds have been restored to reflect the 1940s era. Thomas Alva Edison lived in the house for a few months during World War I when he was refining his depth charge invention. The house is open Monday-Sunday from 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Newland is the director of the Little White House Museum.

#### *Meetings*

A symposium on "World War II: The Homefront in the South," will be held May 1-2, 1992, at Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. The symposium is sponsored by a consortium composed of the National Archives-Southeast Region, Georgia Department of Archives and History, Southern Labor Archives, Kennesaw State College History Department, the Atlanta Chap-

ter of Tuskegee Airmen, Clark Atlanta University Historical Society, Georgia World History Association, and the Georgia Historical Society. Sessions at the two-day event will examine many topics including the experiences of blacks and women, culture in the South, military camps and towns, the Air Force, trade and industry, and urban and everyday life on the homefront. The keynote speaker will be Air Force General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF (Retired). For information and registration, contact David E. Hilkert, National Archives-Southeast Region, 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, GA 30344 or call 404-763-7477.

The Historical Association of Southern Florida, Miami, will host the annual meeting of the Society of the History of Discoveries, October 1-4, 1992. Lectures and papers on various aspects of exploration, especially Columbus, will be presented.

The American Association for State and Local History— the professional organization for board, staff, and volunteers in historical societies, museums, and agencies— will hold its annual meeting at the James L. Knight Center, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Miami, September 13-20, 1992. The program will cover all aspects of historical organization operations, such as fund-raising, collection management, education programing, volunteers, trustee and board development, and exhibition design and construction.

Miami, Florida, is the site of the National Preservation Conference, October 7-11, 1992. The focus of the conference will be multiculturalization. For information contact the vice-president for Programs, Services, and Information, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, DC 20036.

### *Museums*

The exhibition "Seeds of Change: From Sailing Ships to Soaring Ships, The First 500 Years," opened March 1 at the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science, Cocoa, Florida. The exhibition is a collaborative project by the National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution and the Brevard Museum. The exhibition will continue until February 28, 1993.

A film introduces the exhibition, and it and the exhibit explain how the elements, or seeds, of change affected both the Old and New Worlds. The elements were corn, potatoes, disease, the horse, and sugar. All had global consequences, changing the flora and fauna across the planet, transforming the diets and health of millions of people, and even changing indigenous populations in many parts of the world. The emphasis is on Florida. A large curved mural depicts Florida both before and after the Columbus voyages. It is a pictorial history of Florida from the Ice Age to the Space Age. In the section on Florida, Native American artifacts from the Windover Archaeological Site are displayed for the first time. The exhibition includes a walk-through Spanish fort and information and artifacts on Spanish missions. The historic eighteenth-century mission bell owned by the Florida Historical Society is part of the exhibit. Also on exhibit is a collection of historic Florida maps, some on loan from the Library of Congress. The oldest of these maps was printed in 1544. Each map is accompanied by a descriptive text. The map exhibition will continue until June 1992. The Brevard Museum is located at 2201 Michigan Avenue in Cocoa. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Historic Pensacola Preservation Board and its support organization, Historic Pensacola, Inc., are the curators and directors of the T. T. Wentworth, Jr., Florida State Museum. This collection was given to the state of Florida in 1983. A major part of the museum collection consists of archival materials relating to the history of Florida, particularly West Florida. Material is available for scholarly research but under direction of the board's curatorial staff. The collection includes nineteenth- and twentieth-century documents and personal papers of prominent Pensacolians, business records, maps, photographs, and postcards. Also included are records from area civic groups, including the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, International Order of Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World, veterans groups, Kiwanis, Fiesta of Five Flags, and the Pensacola Open Golf Tournament. The collection also contains paintings, lithographs, stamps, postal covers, local magazines and newspapers, currency and script, sheet music, promotional literature, and books. For information about the museum and use of the collection, contact Historic

Pensacola, 205 East Zaragoza Street, Pensacola, FL 32501 (904-444-8905).

Daniel Tomberlin, formerly on staff at the South Carolina State Museum, has been appointed as the curator of the Seminole County Historical Museum. He will direct the Museum's plans to upgrade its programs, collections, and exhibits. The Seminole County Historical Society, organized in 1986, and the County Historical Commission direct the activities of the Museum. It occupies a building on the grounds of the Five Points County Complex at the intersection of Highways 17-92 and County Home Road in Sanford. It is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information call the Museum at 407-321-2489.

#### *Grants and Prizes*

The Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will award study grants for research projects focusing on Baptists, separation of church and state, and Baptists and the peace movement. Grants cover travel costs and research-related expenses at the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives. For information contact Historical Commission, SBC, 901 Commerce Street, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203-3630.

The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame is offering three \$12,000 dissertation fellowships for the academic year 1993-1994. The work must be on the history of United States Hispanic Catholics. The deadline for application is January 1, 1993. The Center is also offering at the post-doctoral level smaller research grants for the summer of 1993. These stipends are also to promote and encourage research on the United States Hispanic Catholic community. Recipients may be historians or anyone doing work in fields such as literature, theology, anthropology, and the social sciences. The deadline for application is December 15, 1992. For information contact Dr. Jaime R. Vidal, 614 Hesburgh Library, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

The University of Kentucky announces a \$500 Martin Luther King, Jr., Prize for research in African-American history. It will

be awarded biennially for an article published in the preceding two years. Scholarly articles published in the calendar years 1991 and 1992 are eligible. The deadline is December 31, 1992. Send submissions to Martin Luther King, Jr., Prize Committee, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027.

The Florida Humanities Council awarded a grant to the Collier County Museum and the Seminole Tribe of Florida for a series of quincentennial programs. A film series, traveling exhibits, and a symposium will use anthropology, archaeology, ethnography, and history data to explore the Columbian Quincentennial from a multicultural point of view.

*Announcements and Activities*

The Jacksonville Historical Society will sponsor "Heritage Days in Jacksonville: 1562-1992," May 8-10, 1992. Many civic and cultural organizations and all of the area's historical, preservation, anthropological, and museum organizations will be involved as planners and participants of this city-wide event.

The Preservation Institute: Nantucket, sponsored by the University of Florida College of Architecture, selects students from throughout the United States each summer to participate in its interdisciplinary curriculum. The Institute addresses preservation as an aspect of professional practice and uses Nantucket as a laboratory for case studies. Undergraduate credits may be earned during the mid-June to mid-August session. For more information contact Susan Tate, Department of Interior Design, University of Florida, 350 Architecture Building, Gainesville, FL 32611.

A poster relating to the history of the Seminole Indians of Florida has been published by Sarasota artist Theodore Morris. It is the second in a series of posters on Florida's Native Americans. It may be purchased for \$9, plus tax, from the artist, 1211 34th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234 (813-351-1490, or fax, 813-351-5835):

The Jacksonville City Council is providing the financial support that will allow the pavilion on the Southbank River Walk



east of the Main Street Bridge to be enclosed and established as a historical center where visitors can secure information about the community, Duval and surrounding counties, and the state.

A walking and driving tour of historic High Springs, Florida, has been published by Murray Laurie with support from the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Florida Department of State, the Historic Preservation Advisory Council, the City of High Springs, the High Springs Chamber of Commerce, and the High Springs Area Historical Society. The graphics are by Stacey Breheny. The photographs are by Stacey Breheny, Joel Glenn, Murray Laurie, and Wes Skiles. For information, contact the High Springs Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 863, High Springs, FL 32643.

*The Mississippi Quarterly* will publish a special issue in 1993 on the South since 1945. Traditional and interdisciplinary articles are welcome. Persons who wish to contribute should contact Stanley Godbold, Drawer H, Mississippi State, MS 39762. The deadline is October 1992.

Persons doing genealogical and family history research will be interested in the *Southern Queries* genealogy magazine. It consists mostly of queries from people researching their southern (including Florida) ancestors and seeking assistance. The magazine also includes genealogical how-to features, and a calendar of family reunions, genealogy meetings, and other events. Subscriptions are \$24 per year or \$42 for two years. For information write to *Southern Queries*, 1115 Sundial Circle, Birmingham, AL 35215. Steve Smith is editor and publisher of the journal.

The Jacksonville Historical Society invites submissions of articles for publication in the first issue of its annual *Journal*, tentatively scheduled for June 1992. It will feature articles relating to the history of the entire northeast Florida region. Send typed, footnoted, and double-spaced manuscripts to Brenda Brown, Jacksonville Historical Society, 4114 Herschel Street, #111, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

*Obituary*

James C. Craig, former president of the Florida Historical Society, died in Jacksonville after a brief illness on January 12, 1992. Mr. Craig was an alumnus of the University of Florida. After a twenty-eight year career with the *Florida Times-Union* as a writer, reporter, and editor, he joined Independent Life Insurance Company as director of public relations and advertising. Mr. Craig was past-president of the Jacksonville Historical Society and the author of volume three of the Society's *Papers*. He was also a member of the St. George Historical Sites Advisory Council and served on the Florida Civil War Centennial Commission. He was especially active in the Florida Historical Society. Mr. Craig served as director of the Society in 1964-1965; vice-president, 1966-1967; president-elect 1968-1969; and president, 1970-1972. He continued to serve on the Board of Directors. He played an active role in many Jacksonville community organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the Duval County Mental Health Association, and the Jacksonville Council of Arts. Mr. Craig was the husband of the late Julia Bryan Craig.