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HISTORY NEWS

Gulf Coast History Conference

The Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference will meet in Mobile, Alabama, October 7-9, 1993. The theme is "The Gulf Coast in the Gilded Age." The University of South Alabama, the University of West Florida, and Pensacola Junior College are sponsors of the conference. Send proposals for papers or sessions to Dr. George Daniels or Dr. Michael Thomason, Department of History, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688. Selected papers will be published in a special issue of the *Gulf Coast Historical Review*. An honorarium to help defray the cost of travel to the conference will be available for presenters.

The published volumes of the papers presented at previous Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conferences are also available from the Department of History, University of South Alabama. Paperback editions sell for \$10, and the cloth, \$15.

South Prong Cemetery

The South Prong Cemetery in Baker County is one of Florida's historic burial grounds. It was first called Greene's Creek Cemetery because Elisha Greene had cleared the property and had used it for his family's burials. The earliest known grave, which is unmarked, is believed to be that of Francis Bryan who died in 1837. The oldest marked graves are those of Elisha Greene (d. 1875) and Elias Wester (d. 1880). Fifteen Civil War veterans are buried there among the 780 marked graves. A monument for the Tippins' mass grave was dedicated May 23, 1992. Early settlers along the south prong of the St. Marys River arrived in Baker County around 1829-1830. Many came from Tattnall County, Georgia. The closest present-day community to that early settlement is Sanderson, Florida. Mrs. Paula J. Wester, who is gathering information on her own family, compiled the historic data on the South Prong Cemetery.

Seminole Wars Historic Foundation

The Seminole Wars Historic Foundation, Inc., is seeking support to acquire and permanently preserve significant sites involved in the Seminole Wars and to establish educational programs. The Foundation has acquired an option to purchase two major historical sites: Fort Dade (a three-acre site on the Withlacoochee River) and Fort Izar (a Seminole War battleground near Ocala). There are plans for a museum at the Fort Izar site. Individuals who donate \$25 will become honorary members of the Seminole Wars Historic Foundation Council and will receive honorary "ownership" of one square foot of the Fort Izar battleground or the Fort Dade site. Send contributions to the Foundation office, 1203 Court Street, P. O. Drawer 5066, Clearwater, FL 34618-5066.

Awards

The Tampa Bay Historical Society has presented its 1992 D. B. McKay Award to Julius J. Gordon. The award, recognizing outstanding contributions to Florida and local history, was announced at their annual meeting on November 23, 1992, at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club. Mr. Gordon, a former city treasurer in San Antonio, Texas, has written *The German-Americans Influence in Tampa, 1840-1900; Study of Free Blacks in Florida, 1850-1860*; and he compiled an index for the Florida *Peninsular*, a Tampa newspaper published from 1855-1871.

William C. Davis has received the Museum of the Confederacy's 1991 Jefferson Davis Award for outstanding historical scholarship on the Confederate States of America period. The award was presented for his book *Jefferson Davis: The Man and His Hour*, published in 1991 by Harper Collins.

Announcements and Activities

The Southeastern Library Network of Atlanta has an NEH grant of \$2,397,425 to support the preservation microfilming of 28,057 brittle books and pamphlets on United States Americana, Latin Americana, and Africana, held by fifteen members of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries. Florida libraries participating include the State Library of Florida, the University of Florida, the University of Miami, and the University of South Florida.

The Georgia Historical Society announces the establishment of the Malcolm and Muriel Barrow Bell Award, which will be presented in odd-numbered years to the author of the best book on the history of Georgia or Georgians published in the previous two-year period. The first award will be presented at the society's April 1993 meeting for a book published in either 1991 or 1992. Authors or publishers who would like to have books considered for the prize should submit five copies of the book to the Georgia Historical Society, 501 Whitaker Street, Savannah, GA 31499.

The Southern Oral History Program and the Southern Historical Collection announce publication of *Women's Voices in the Southern Oral History Program Collection*. This collection guide contains abstracts of over three hundred oral history interviews with southern women, grouped by topic, along with an introduction describing each section. There is also an extensive index and valuable introductory material. *Women's Voices* can be ordered from the Southern Oral History Program, CB#3195, Hamilton Hall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3195; (919) 962-8076.

An NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers will be held June 28 to August 13, 1993, at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. The theme will be "Colonial North America: New Approaches to its Hispanic Past," and it will examine the Spanish origin of the southern United States, from California to Florida. Participants may divide their time equally between personal research projects and reading and discussing new works. Applications are invited from college teachers or independent scholars of American culture and institutions who wish to broaden their understanding of the nation's multi-ethnic origins. Latin American specialists who wish to learn more about peripheral regions of Spain's empire should apply also. The stipend is \$3,600, and the postmark deadline for applications is March 1, 1993. Awards will be announced March 26, 1993. For applications and further information, write seminar director Professor David J. Weber, Department of History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX 75275.

The 27th Annual Georgia Archives Institute will be held in Atlanta, June 14-25, 1993. It is designed for beginning ar-

chivists, librarians, and manuscript curators and will offer general instruction in basic concepts and practices of archival administration and management of traditional and modern documentary materials. The two-week program will feature lectures and demonstrations, a supervised practicum, and field trips to local archives. Topics will include records appraisal, arrangement and description of official and private papers, preservation, legal issues, and reference service. Tuition is \$400. Enrollment is limited, and the deadline for receipt of application and resume is April 1, 1993. For more information and application, write Dr. Donald E. Oehlerts, School of Library and Information Studies, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA 30314; (404) 325-0778 or (404) 880-8702.

The Southern Association for Women Historians announces the Southern Conference on Women's History will be held at Rice University, Houston, Texas, June 2-5, 1994. Conference coordinator is Elizabeth Hayes Turner of the University of Houston, Downtown, and the program chair is Joan E. Cashin of Ohio State University. More details will be announced shortly in the Southern Association for Women Historians newsletter.

The American Jewish Historical Society will award the Leo Wasserman Foundation Prize for the best student essay on any aspect of American Jewish history. Contestants can be graduate or undergraduate students. The winning essay will be considered for publication in *American Jewish History*. Essays should be twenty to thirty pages in length and have appropriate citations and bibliography. To be considered for the 1993 prize, send five copies of the essay to Dr. Leonard Dinnerstein, Department of History, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721. The deadline is January 31, 1993.

The Seminole Tribe Council and the Seminole Tribe Museum Authority, recently opened the temporary home of AH-THA-THI-KI Museum on November 20, 1992. It is located in Hollywood, Florida, at Seminole Village, corner of State Road 7 (441) and Stirling Road. The museum plans to preserve and interpret the culture, language, and customs of the Seminole Indians of Florida.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS . . .

1993

April 1-2	Society of Florida Archivists	St. Augustine, FL
May 7-9	Florida Anthropological Society	Clearwater, FL
May 20-22	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 91st MEETING	Pensacola, FL
May 20	FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION	Pensacola, FL
Sept. 8-11	American Association for State and Local History	Columbus, OH
Oct. 7-9	Gulf Coast History and Humanities	Mobile, AL
Oct. 14-17	Southern Labor Studies	Birmingham, AL
Nov. 4-7	Oral History Association	Birmingham, AL
Nov. 5-7	Southern Jewish Historical Association	Atlanta, GA
Nov. 10-13	Southern Historical Association	Orlando, FL

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