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## HISTORY NEWS

### *Florida Historical Quarterly*

This is the last issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* that will be published with the support and cooperation of the University of Florida. It is the end of a long era in the history of the Florida Historical Society. Julien C. Yonge of Pensacola was editor of the *Quarterly* in 1944 when he came to the University of Florida to serve as director of the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, the collection that Mr. Yonge and his family presented to the University. Mr. Yonge was a published Florida historian. The editors who succeeded him— Dr. Rembert W. Patrick, Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, and Dr. Samuel Proctor— were also Florida historians.

The University of Florida has been very generous in its support of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* for fifty-one years. In addition to providing the services of the editor, who was relieved from one-half his teaching responsibilities, the University made available a graduate student (sometimes two) to serve as editorial assistant, a secretary, an office, and a budget for supplies, photocopying, postage, telephone, travel, and all needed office machines and equipment. The Society paid for printing and mailing the *Quarterlies*, the post office box, stationary, and photography. The annual cost to the University of Florida has been approximately \$75,000 (sometimes more).

The University of Florida was very willing to continue its full support of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* in future years as it has in the past. This commitment was made verbally to the president of the Society in the fall of 1994. This was followed by a letter signed by the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the chairman of the Department of History. Notwithstanding, the Board of Directors at its mid-winter meeting in January 1995 voted favorably upon the recommendation of the president of the Society, the executive director of the Society, and a small, select group of former presidents of the Society to accept the invitation of the University of Central Florida to become the sponsoring institution for the journal. Dr. Jerrell Shofner, professor of history and former chairman of the Department of History at the University of Central Florida, will be the editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* beginning with the July 1995 number.

The Agricultural History Society is dedicated to stimulating interest in, promoting the study of, and facilitating research and publication on the history of agriculture. Membership is open to both individuals and institutions with an interest in agriculture (membership fees are \$30 for individuals, \$18 for students, \$55 for institutions). The Society sponsors an annual conference on specific topics relating to rural life and publishes a journal four times a year. The journal includes articles on all aspects of agricultural history. Scholars from a diversity of disciplines contribute to the journal, and many individuals involved in the business of agriculture or in the administration of the USDA also contribute to the journal or are members of the Society. For more information write Lowell Dyson, executive secretary treasurer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 928, 1301 New York Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20005-4788. To become a member, write Agricultural History, Periodicals Department, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

A new magazine on the American South, published by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture and dedicated to revealing the region's creativity and diversity, has recently debuted. *Reckon: The Magazine of Southern Culture* combines writing and photography from contributors around the country. Published quarterly, *Reckon* offers in-depth articles from original viewpoints. The first issue contains first-hand accounts of the Mississippi Freedom Summer reunion, an examination of faith and southern folk art, a discussion of the Southern History Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and an exploration of stock car racing as popular culture. Regular departments, such as Identities, Sacred Spaces, and On the Table, provide continuity from issue to issue. For more information write *Reckon*, Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.

The 1995 edition of *The Complete Guide to Florida Foundations* documents that the assets of Florida's grant-making foundations have increased from \$1.2 billion in 1986 to \$7.7 billion in 1995. A \$340 million increase in grant distributions (from \$60 million to \$400 million) has accompanied this rise. *The Guide* is the most current directory and the only comprehensive source of information

about grant-making foundations that operate in the state of Florida. Each foundation is indexed by information on asset availability, funding priorities, geographic preferences, and recent grant awards. Also included are officers, contacts, and application information, as well as a section on preparing grant proposals. For additional information or to order, contact Ana M. Mestre, Editor, Florida Funding Publications, 9350 South Dixie Highway, Suite 1560, Miami, FL 33156; (505) 670-2203.

*Call for Papers*

The program committee for the October 9-12, 1996, meeting of the Western History Association in Lincoln, Nebraska, invites proposals for papers and sessions on all aspects of Western and frontier history. Panels and papers that explore the history of the grasslands and its peoples and those that reflect on the interplay of imagination and experience, and myth and memory, in reconstructions and representations of the Great Plains are especially welcome. A brief summary of prospective papers, with participant names, addresses, and telephone numbers, and a short paragraph on each presenter, chair, and commentator are requested. Proposals should be sent by September 1, 1995, to John Mack Faragher, Department of History, Yale University, Box 1504A Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520-7425.

Graduate students in English and Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi are pleased to announce a conference entitled "Southern Writers, Southern Writing" to be held at the Oxford campus, July 28-29, 1995. The conference will allow 75-100 graduate students from various disciplines to meet future colleagues, to share their interest in southern literature, and to present their research to an interested and informed audience. Students whose papers are accepted by the conference will be invited to extend their stay at the university by registering for the 22nd Annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference, "Faulkner in Cultural Context," July 30-August 4, at a reduced rate. Graduate students are encouraged to submit a two-page abstract for a fifteen-twenty-minute presentation on any aspect of literature from or about the South. Write "Southern Writers, Southern Writing," Department of English, The University of Mississippi, 307 Bishop Hall, University, MS 38677; (601) 323-7439.

*Awards and Prizes*

The Rhea Marsh and Dorothy Lockhart Smith Winter Park Research Contest, sponsored by the Winter Park Public Library and the Rollins College Olin Library, invites proposals to investigate and report on an aspect of Winter Park's history or current events. A \$1,500 research grant will be awarded. Send a letter of application, a typed, two-page abstract of the proposal with a preliminary bibliography and current resume/vita by May 15, 1995, to the Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789; (407) 629-5343. The winning recipient will give a formal public presentation of their project in January 1996.

James Cusick, research associate of the St. Augustine Historical Society and visiting scholar at the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale, recently received the principal prize in a new competition for scholarly research in history and anthropology. His University of Florida doctoral dissertation, "Spaniards and Minorcans in Late Colonial St. Augustine," won in the dissertations and monographs category. The prize is awarded biennially by the Historical Association of Southern Florida and the Jay I. Kislak Foundation of Miami.

The Southern Historical Association has announced the winners of its most recent awards: Emilio Zamora, of the University of Houston, received the first H. L. Mitchell Prize for his study *The World of the Mexican Worker in Texas* (Texas A&M University Press, 1993). The prize acknowledges a distinguished book on the history of the southern working class. The Fletcher M. Green and Charles W. Ramsdell Award for an article published by the *Journal of Southern History* during 1992 and 1993 was presented to John S. Hughes for "Labeling and Treating Black Mental Illness in Alabama, 1861-1910," which appeared in the August 1992 issue of the *Journal*. The Charles S. Sydnor Award for a distinguished monograph in southern history was given in 1993 to Michael Honey for *Southern Labor and Black Civil Rights: Organizing Memphis Workers*, published by the University of Illinois Press.

The Urban History Association announces the following prize competitions: a doctoral dissertation in urban history completed in 1994, a book in North American urban history published in 1994 (edited volumes excluded), a book in non-North American urban

history published in 1994 (edited volumes excluded), and a journal article in urban history published in 1994. The deadline for receipt of submissions is June 15, 1995. For further information write Carol A. O'Connor, Department of History, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-0710. Please do not send submissions to Professor O'Connor.

*National Register of Historic Places*

The Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources, reports that the following Florida properties were added to the National Register of Historic Places during the year 1994: *Alachua County*— Cox Furniture Store; and Cox Furniture Warehouse. *Brevard County*— Duda Ranch Mound; Indian Fields; Moccasin Island; and Persimmon Mound. *Columbia County*— Lake City Commercial Historic District. *Dade County*— McFarlane Homestead Historic District; and Trapp Homestead. *Escambia County*— First Christian Church. *Gadsden County*— Nicholson Farmhouse. *Indian River County*— Archie Smith Wholesale Fish Company; Driftwood Inn, Judge Henry F. Gregory House; and Maher Building. *Lake County*— Ferran Park and Bandshell. *Leon County*— Ft. Braden School. *Manatee County*— Portavant Mound. *Marion County*— Fessenden School. *Monroe County*— San Felipe Shipwreck; and Thompson Fish House, Turtle Cannary and Kraals. *Orange County*— Leu House and Gardens; and Windemere Town Hall. *Osceola County*— Colonial Estates; Desert Inn; First United Methodist Church; Kissimmee Historic District; and Old Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. *Palm Beach County*— Boynton School; Hatch's Department Store; Old Northwood Historic District; and Palm Beach Mercantile. *Pasco County*— Dade City ACL Depot. *Pinellas County*— Old Belleair Town Hall; and St. Petersburg Woman's Club. *Polk County*— Central Grammar School; Dixieland Historic District; Downtown Haines City Commercial District; Ft. Meade Historic District; Old Haines City National Guard Armory; Polk Hotel; and St. Marks Episcopal Church. *St. Lucie County*— Imokolee. *Santa Rosa County*— State Road #1. *Sarasota County*— Binz, Frank and Mitilda House; Corrigan House; Dr. Walter Kennedy House; Osprey School; Out-of-Door School; Rigby's La Plaza Historic District; Sanderling Beach House; Thoms House; and Valencia Hotel and Arcade. *National Landmark Designations*— Fort Mose; Maple Leaf Shipwreck; and Viscaya.