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In Memoriam

George E. Franchere of Dunedin, former member of the Florida Historical Society's Board of Directors, died November 25, 2004. He was 72 years of age. He was born in Troy, N.Y., and moved to Florida in 1980 from St. Clair Shores, Mich. He was retired as an administrator for the IRS. He was Dutch Reform, a member and president of Dunedin High Twelve Club, and district director of the High Twelve Club. There are no known survivors.

Conferences

The **2005 Annual Meeting of the Florida Historical Society** will be held on May 18-21 at the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach. The meeting theme is "From Gators to Glitz: Community Builders in Florida." The Catherine Prescott Memorial Lecturer will be William Potter, a Melbourne attorney who has spent the past three years as a deputy to Paddy Ashdown, the International High Representative in Bosnia-Herzegovina. His topic will be "A Floridian in Bosnia: A Firsthand Look at International Diplomacy." For more information, visit <http://www.florida-historical-soc.org/>.

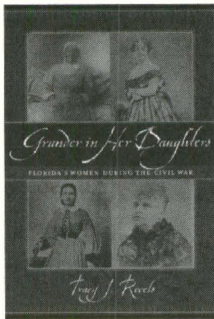
The 44th annual **Florida Conference of Historians** will be held March 17-19, 2005 in Tampa, Florida. The keynote speaker will be Nancy A. Hewitt, Professor of History and Women's Studies at Rutgers University and author of *Southern Discomfort: Women's Activism in Tampa, Florida, 1880s-1920s*. For more information, visit <http://fch.ju.edu>.

Websites

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