HISTORY NEWS

1979 Annual Meeting

Arva Moore Parks, 1006 S. Greenway Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33134, and Dr. John Hebron Moore, Department of History, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306, are program chairpersons for the seventy-seventh meeting of the Florida Historical Society to be held in West Palm Beach, May 4-5, 1979. They invite anyone interested in reading a paper to contact them immediately. Papers dealing with any aspect of Florida political, economic, social, intellectual, and military history will be considered.

The West Palm Beach Holiday Inn has been selected as the convention hotel. Dr. Jerry Weeks, Palm Beach College, and Judge James Knott are in charge of local arrangements. The Florida Confederation of Historical Societies will be holding a workshop in West Palm Beach on Thursday, May 3, 1979, at the time of the annual meeting.

Awards

The Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award went to Dr. Eugene Lyon for his The Enterprise of Florida which was published by the University Presses of Florida. It is a study of Pedro Menéndez de Avilés and the Spanish Conquest of Florida, 1565-1568. Dr. Lyon, an authority on the first Spanish period in Florida, is presently in Spain, acquiring material from the archives there for the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida. His writings have appeared in many scholarly publications, including the Florida Historical Quarterly. The judges for the Patrick Award were Dr. Dorothy Dodd, former Florida State Librarian, Tallahassee; Dr. Peter Klingman, Daytona Beach Community College; and Dr. J. Leitch Wright, Jr., Florida State University. The award memorializes Professor Patrick, who served as editor of the Florida Historical Quarterly and as secretary of the Florida Historical Society. He was professor of history and chairman of the Department of History.
The Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for 1977-1978 was given to Dr. Robert P. Ingalls, professor of history, University of South Florida, for his article, "The Tampa Flogging Case, Urban Vigilantism," which appeared in the July 1977, number of the Florida Historical Quarterly. The judges for the Thompson Prize, which is given annually for the best article in the Quarterly, were James Ward, Jacksonville Florida Times-Union; Dr. Louis Perez, Jr., University of South Florida; and Dr. Lucius Ellsworth, University of West Florida. The award honors the late Dr. Arthur W. Thompson, professor of history at the University of Florida, who was a recognized scholar in Florida, Southern, and American history. The prize was made possible by an endowment established by Mrs. Arthur W. Thompson of Gainesville.

The Charlton W. Tebeau Junior Book Award honors Dr. Tebeau, professor emeritus, University of Miami, and former president of the Florida Historical Society. The award goes annually to the author of the best book published on a Florida subject for young adult readers. The award for 1977 was given posthumously to George Walton for his Fearless & Free: The Seminole Indian War, 1835-1842, which was published by the Bobbs-Merrill Company. Colonel Walton, the author of several books on military history, was living in Cedar Key at the time of his death. Mrs. Walton accepted the award in his behalf. The judges for the prize were Dena Snodgrass, Jacksonville; Dr. Overton C. Ganong, South Carolina Museum Commission, Columbia; and Henry B. Watson, Daytona Beach.

Wentworth Foundation Grant

The trustees of the Wentworth Foundation, Inc., presented a check for $1,000 to the Florida Historical Society at its annual meeting in Pensacola. This is the sixth successive year that the Foundation has made a gift to the Society and directed that it be used for the Florida Historical Quarterly. The gifts from the Wentworth Foundation have enabled the Quarterly to use
additional graphic material. The late Fillmore Wentworth of Clearwater established the foundation to help educate worthy young people and to support philanthropic and educational activities. There are a number of Wentworth Scholars studying at the University of Florida, The Florida State University, and other Florida universities and community colleges. The Foundation has made grants to the Florida Anthropological Society, the Florida State Museum, and it has established a revolving publication fund for the Florida Historical Society.

Announcements and Activities

J. Mills Thornton III is the winner of the 1977 Jules F. Landry Award, a $1,000 prize given annually for the best manuscript in southern history, literature, or biography submitted to the Louisiana State University Press. His book, Politics and Power in a Slave Society: Alabama, 1800-1860, is an analysis of the forces that underlaid and motivated ante-bellum Alabama politics and society. The 1978 Jules F. Landry Award was received by Louis D. Rubin for his book, The Wary Fugitives, Four Poets and the South. In his study, Rubin explores the works of John Crowe Ransome, Allen Tate, Donald Davidson, and Robert Penn Warren.

Dr. J. Paul Hartman, Florida Technological University, is continuing his search for examples of industrial and engineering works within the state of Florida. Of interest are bridges, industrial buildings (abandoned or still in use), industrial equipment (or ruins), and other examples of typical or unique industrial or engineering works which might be placed on an inventory. Individuals knowing of any items that might be of interest should contact Dr. Hartman at the College of Engineering, FTU, Orlando, Florida, 32816.

The Georgia Study Symposium, a multi-disciplinary gathering interested in the people and culture of Georgia, will meet at Georgia State University, Atlanta, February 1979. The program committee invites proposals for sessions. For information, write Harvey H. Jackson, Department of Social Sciences, Clayton, Junior College, Morrow, Georgia, 30260.
The Peace River Valley Historical Society presented its 1978 Florida History Award to Richard M. Livingston, editor and publisher of *South Florida Pioneers*. For many years, Mr. Livingston, of Fort Ogden, Florida, has been actively engaged in genealogical research of families and individuals in the Peace River Valley area. The presentation was made at a banquet held in May 1978.

A copy of *Cemeteries of Leon County, Fla.; Rural White Cemeteries; Tombstone Inscriptions and Epitaphs*, compiled and edited by Joy Smith Paisley of Tallahassee has been presented to the Florida Historical Society Library. It was published by the Dominie Ederardus Bogardus Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Tallahassee, to commemorate the Bicentennial. Copies were deposited in research libraries throughout Florida and the Southeast.

Dr. William T. Alderson, former director of the American Association for State and Local History, has been named director of the Museum Studies Program and William Watson Harrington Distinguished Lecturer of History at the University of Delaware. The Association for which Dr. Alderson served as director since 1964, is the major publisher in this country of technical material on the administration of historical organizations and museums. It has gained national recognition for its program of seminars and workshops for the training of paid and volunteer staff members and for the many audiovisual training units on historic sites conservation and museum practices which it has created. It has also developed independent study courses for professionals. One of AASH’s major undertakings in the recent past has been the creation of a fifty-one book series on “The States and the Nation,” a Bicentennial project scheduled for completion this year.

The Oral History Association has begun an advisory service to assist individuals, institutions, foundations, and groups beginning an oral history program or for those desiring help in assessing the progress of an on-going project. The advisory program is organized by the Association’s Committee on Evaluation to explore new ways to help the growing number of oral history
programs started each year and to develop higher standards for all oral history activity. A number of experienced oral history practitioners from all parts of the country, representing many kinds of programs, will serve as advisors. While no charge is made for the services, requesting groups will pay all expenses (travel, food, lodging, and any other legitimate expense) of the evaluation. After an on-the-spot consultation with the contracting person or group, the advisor will send a confidential report to the requesting agency and to the chairman of the Oral History Association's evaluation committee for permanent filing. Inquiries should be addressed to the Oral History Association's Evaluation Service, North Texas State University, Box 13734, NT Station, Denton, Texas 76203.

William G. Dayton of Dade City has written A History of the San Antonio Area which is available on request. The Bank of Pasco County published the material on the occasion of the opening of its San Antonio branch. Anyone desiring a copy should send a stamped return envelope to the San Antonio Branch, Bank of Pasco County, San Antonio, Florida 33576.

U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania 17013, is sponsoring an advanced research program in military history. Awards will be made to cover expenses while conducting research and writing at the facility. Recipients will be designated Advanced Research Project Associates. Applicants must submit an information form describing the subject, scope, and character of their projects; time estimated for residence at MHI; how the Institute's facilities, personnel, and materials will aid in their research projects; and a budget. Forms can be obtained from the Institute. Applications are due by January 1, 1979.

The Orange County Historical Society recently received a Walt Disney World Community Service Award for its civic community services program. It was recognized for its programs which stimulate interest in local history and preserve Orange County's heritage, and its educational work with elementary school children and teachers. The award included a trophy and check for $1,000.
The Louisiana Historical Association has awarded the General L. Kemper Williams Prize for the best book published on Louisiana History in 1977 to Jay Higginbotham for his *Old Mobile: Fort Louis de la Louisiane, 1702-1711*. This book is being reviewed in the current issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly* by Robert R. Rea of Auburn University.

The Zora Neale Hurston Fellowship Award has been established at the University of Florida by the Friends of Anthropology in the Department of Anthropology in cooperation with the University of Florida Foundation. The Fellowship will recognize Zora Neale Hurston, who was trained as an anthropologist and folklorist at Columbia University, and who is recognized as one of Florida’s most eminent writers. Her papers are in Special Collections, University of Florida, and in the James Weldon Johnson Collection, Beinecke Library, Yale University. Miss Hurston was born in the black community of Eatonville, Florida, and her autobiography, *Dust Tracks on a Road*, describe her early life there. The Fellowship will go annually to an outstanding black American for graduate study in anthropology. Individuals, groups, or foundations who wish to make donations may send their contribution to the Hurston Fund, University of Florida Foundation, Gainesville. Contributions are tax-deductible.

The Department of History, University of South Florida, is establishing a new historical journal entitled *Tampa Bay History*. It is designed to promote the study and understanding of the history of the communities that constitute the Greater Tampa Bay area. The journal will be published semi-annually, and will include articles, oral history interviews, historical documents, genealogy, bibliography, book reviews, and announcements. Historical societies and educational institutions are invited to join in this enterprise as institutional affiliates. This involves each organization making a commitment to take out a charter institutional subscription to *Tampa Bay History* at the tentative annual rate of $10.00. For information write Louis A. Perez, Jr., Department of History, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 33620.
The Florida State Museum, University of Florida, is launching a state-wide project to locate, record, and preserve all known dugout canoes and associated wooden objects which have been exposed along Florida's lake and river shores during the drought of 1977. With the summer rains beginning to raise the levels of all these waterways, it is necessary to act quickly. Fishermen, hikers, hunters, bird watchers, nature lovers, and others who know where such artifacts are located are asked to notify the Dugout Canoe Project, Florida State Museum, Department of Social Sciences, Gainesville, Florida 32611 (904-392-1721). If the canoe is waterlogged, do not allow it to dry out. Drying prior to laboratory preservation techniques usually results in extensive, non-reversible warping and cracking. Do not try to remove it yourself; waterlogged canoes are very heavy, awkward, and fragile.

Contributions for this work are being solicited. Checks should be written payable to the University of Florida Wooden Artifact Project Fund. Mail to the Division of Sponsored Research, 223 Grinter Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

The Pensacola Home and Savings Association has published The 14th Colony: British West Florida, 1763-1781 in its series as part of Florida's bicentennial celebration. All of the pamphlets were written and produced for the Pensacola Home and Savings Association by the John Appleyard Agency, consultants to the Association.

The Honorable Joseph John Jova, president of Meridian House International and former United States Ambassador to Mexico and the Organization of American States, presented a specially commissioned high-relief sculpture of the Battle of Pensacola to the City of Pensacola on June 8, 1978. Mayor Warren M. Briggs accepted the art piece, a facsimile of the original bronze executed by the prominent Mexican sculptor Gabriel Ponzonelli. The ceremony took place in the new General Chappie James Judicial Building in downtown Pensacola, where the sculpture will be permanently installed. Mrs. Rosalyn Carter sent a message in honor of the occasion. Based on an eighteenth-century Spanish engraving, the art piece depicts General Bernardo de Gálvez, Spanish governor of Louisiana, and Francisco
de Miranda, Venezuelan patriot, leading the Spanish forces which defeated the British at Pensacola in 1781, thus obtaining control of the strategic Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi River basin. The original sculpture was commissioned by the U.S.-Mexico Bicentennial Committee and Ambassador Jova. It is permanently located near the statue of George Washington in Chapultepec Park in Mexico City.

OBITUARIES

Alfred Jackson Hanna

Dr. Alfred Jackson Hanna, historian and vice president emeritus of Rollins College, died in March 1978 at his home in Winter Park. Dr. Hanna, who graduated from Rollins in 1917, served the college for more than sixty years and was the author of many books on Florida, southern history, and Latin America. Among his best known works are Lake Okeechobee, Wellspring of the Everglades (with Kathryn Abbey Hanna); Florida's Golden Sands (with Kathryn Abbey Hanna); Flight Into Oblivion (concerning the Confederate cabinet at the end of the Civil War); A Prince In Their Midst, The Adventurous Life of Achille Murat on the American Frontier; The St. Johns (with James Branch Cabell); and Napoleon III and Mexico (his last completed work Dr. Hanna played a very active role in the affairs of the Florida Historical Society, serving on the Board of Directors from 1927 until 1936. He was a frequent contributor to the Florida Historical Quarterly.

Carita Doggett Corse

Mrs. Carita Doggett Corse, Florida author and former director of the Federal Writers' Project in this state, died in May 1978 in Jacksonville. She was the author of several articles which have appeared in the Florida Historical Quarterly. Her books include Dr. Andrew Turnbull and the New Smyrna Colony, Supplementary History of Florida, Key to the Golden Islands, and Florida, Empire of the Sun. Mrs. Corse, a graduate of Vassar College and Columbia University, had long been active in the Florida Historical Society and in efforts to promote and preserve the history of Florida and of the Jacksonville area. Mrs. Corse was honored by the Florida Historical Society at its annual meeting in May 1978 for her many contributions.