What's Going On In This Picture? : Processing Slides at Governor's House Library

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Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board

- Created in 1959 as a state commission
- Acquire, restore, and reconstruct built environment of St. Augustine
- **X** Completed over 30 projects
- Managed interpretive museum village

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- Abolished in 1997 by the Sundown Act
- City of St. Augustine took over properties and library in 1997
- K George A. Smathers Libraries became
 - steward of library in 2010
- VFHSA became steward of properties in 2010



Opening St. Augustine

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- X National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHRPC) Access to Historical Records grant
- X Two year period, May 2017 June 2019
- Processing maps, design records, and photograph collection
- Approximately 7,000 print photographs,5,000 negatives, and 16,000 slides



Governor's House Slides

- X Popular photo format, all 35mm
- X Documents entire building projects from start to finish
- X But also includes:
 - X Official board trips and board members' leisure travels
 - X Purchased slideshows
 - X Artifacts and land surveys
 - X St. Augustine landmarks
 - **X** Special events and celebrations



Challenges

Discovery We found slides in several places: interfiled with other formats, still in slide carousels, and some in mislabeled sleeves

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Identification Many of the slides were not labeled, described, or dated other than with the manufacturer's processing stamp





Original Order? May have been an original order present at one time, but it was long since disturbed and indeterminable



Arrangement Strategies

- Used other library resources for context to help make decisions
- *x* Arrangement: People, Places, Things
 x Broken down into further subseries

Preservation Solutions

- x Rehousing material
 - x Carousel -> sleeves
 - x old sleeves -> new sleeves
 - x Acid free folders and boxes



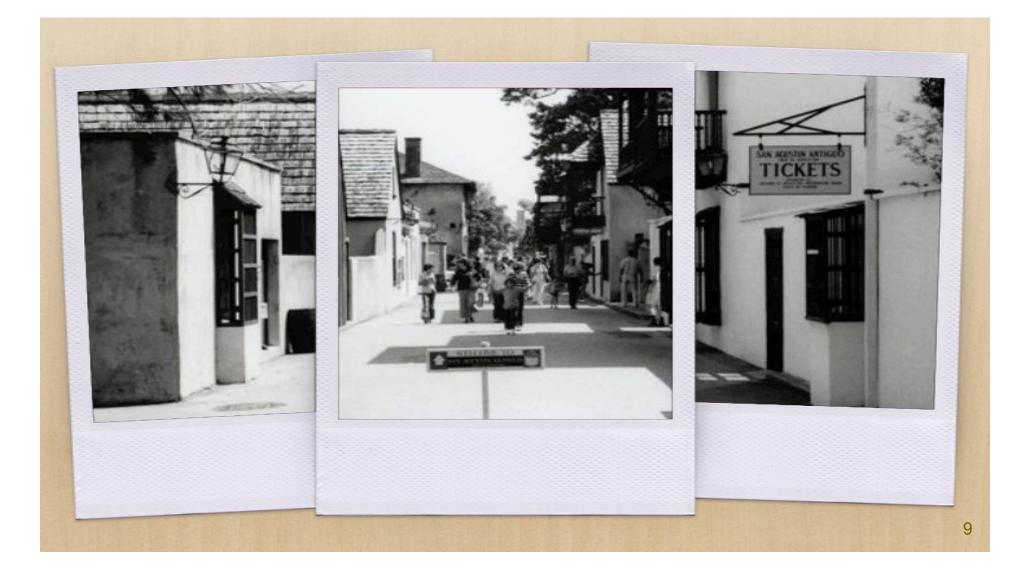


Photo credits

- **X** Map tracing : <u>UF Digital Collections</u>. 1961.
- X HSAPB Logo : Laura Marion's own photo. 2018.
- X Matt Armstrong and Laura Marion : <u>The St. Augustine Record</u> (taken by Sheldon Gardner). 2017.
- Blacksmith : Governor's House Library Photograph Collection, Box 4, Folder 1. Undated.
- X Back Yard : Governor's House Library Photograph Collection, Box 2, Folder 5. 1982.
- X Photo of Slides : Instagram. 2018.

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- **X** St. George Street : <u>UF Digital Collections.</u> Undated.
- X NHPRC Logo : Facebook. 2018.

Thanks! Questions?

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