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Archives Spotlight

Floy Britt and the Florida Cooperative Extension Service

By Gil Gott

Plant City Photo Archives & History Center



Floy Britt, left, with Florida 4-H youth on Florida A&M University Campus, Tallahassee

Not long after Florida began its extension service program, later called cooperative extension service, the state set up a program for Negro Extension Work, appointing A. A. Turner its first supervisor in 1917. For most of the next fifty years Florida operated parallel extension services—one for whites and one for blacks. In the mid-1960s Florida’s extension services were integrated into one system completing the process around 1965.

My interest in this topic was piqued while I was researching the history of the Plant City based Florida Strawberry Festival. The festival began in 1930 and reading the programs for the yearly festivals I noticed a “Boys Corn Club” in the list of exhibitors in 1932. This was a program initiated by the Florida Extension Service. But in 1934 I noticed, in addition to the corn club, a listing for a “Home Demonstration Exhibit (Colored) Floy Britt in charge.” It was apparent there were two separate parts to the extension service, but who was Floy Britt?

In additional programs I read that Floy Britt oversaw the “Colored Home Demonstration” exhibit in 1934, and 1936 through 1940. A 1941 program was not available and due to World War II, the festival was not held again until 1948.

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Message from the President



*Susan Swiatosz
SFA President*

Dear SFA Members,

Over the past couple of days, there has been a flurry of emails between the **SFA board members** organizing aid to the **General Archives of Puerto Rico**. Even as I write this, we are making plans to make a donation and pursue other options for assistance. After a relatively smooth early hurricane season, we were hit with three in a row. Harvey, Irma, and Maria remind us why we collaborate: sometimes you need a little help from your friends.

Speaking of which, **Krystal Thomas**, our Web Communications Manager, has posted a link on the SFA website for disaster assistance in the State of Florida. To see more on disaster assistance: <https://floridaarchivists.wildapricot.org/news/5296916>. We encourage repositories needing assistance to check out what may be available, and to post your needs either on the SFA listserv or on Facebook. Those of us lucky enough to suffer only minimal damage from Hurricane Irma may be in the position to provide support.

In the past few months, SFA has received two requests for a list of Florida archival repositories. After a little research, we found the **University of Central Florida** houses a list of Florida repositories, providing a directory of Florida counties and cities as a libguide, (<http://guides.ucf.edu/FloridaArchivesManuscriptsRepository>), which is an overwhelming task for one archivist to maintain. It occurred to me that this has the potential to be a joint SFA/UCF project: every October, as part of the Florida Archives Month festivities, we could crowd source updating repository information on the SFA listserv. We will be linking the list to our SFA website as well, which besides

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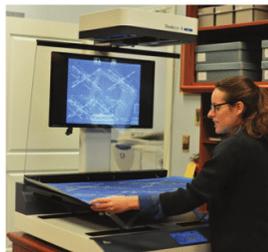
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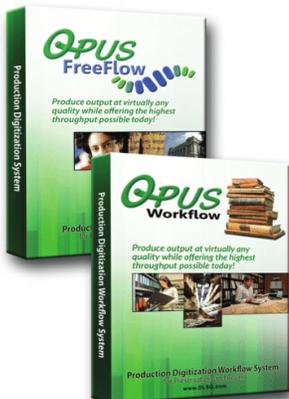
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Member and Institutional News

Rollins Archivist and Interim Library Director Publishes on Modern Chinese History Portrayal in the United States



Wenxian Zhang, Professor and Head of Archives & Special Collections at Olin Library, Rollins College, recently published *China Visualized by Americans: 1840-1911* (美国画报上的中国, Peking University Press, 2017, 458 pages, ISBN: 978-7-301-28394-3). The period

from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twentieth century is not only a critical era in modern Chinese history, but also the peak time of illustrated news reporting in the United States. Besides illustrations from newspapers and journals, this work also presents images about China and the Chinese published in books, brochures, commercial advertisements, campaign posters, postcards, etc. Together, they have documented colorful portrayals of the Chinese and their culture by the U.S. print media during that historical period. As the cultural understanding between American and Chinese peoples has been a long and complex process, this collection of images has essentially formed a rich visual resource that is both diverse and intriguing; and as primary source documents, they carry significant historical and cultural values that could stimulate further academic research.

Welcome New SFA Members!

Jennifer Anderola, The History Factory, Jacksonville
Campbell Caldwell, UWF Historic Trust 1559 Society, Pensacola

Crystal Diff, Charlotte County Historical Society, Punta Gorda

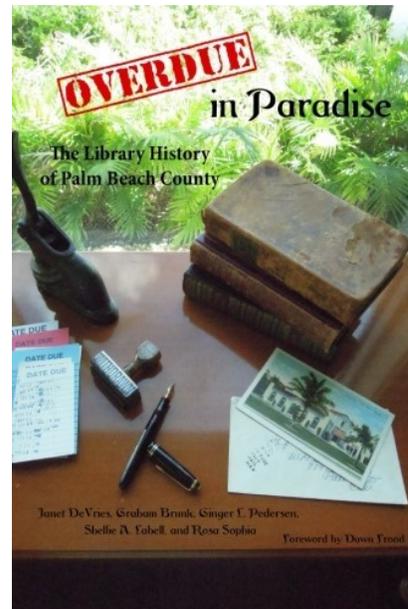
Anna Kephart, College of Southern MD, LaPlata, MD

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Shelby Smith, Florida Historic Capitol Museum, Tallahassee

Overdue In Paradise: The Library History of Palm Beach County

WEST PALM BEACH, FL (November 15, 2017) Palmango Press presents an anthology of historical sketches about Palm Beach County's libraries. The essays, nearly 40 in number, were researched and written by South Florida library professionals and historians. A book party was



launched to celebrate this collaborative publication on Thursday, November 30th at the Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach. Book copies were made available for purchase, and many of the 35 contributors were in attendance. Book proceeds and royalties benefitted the Palm Beach County Library Association and the Little Free Libraries of Lake Worth. For interviews with the editors or contributors, or to

request a review copy, please contact palman-gopress@gmail.com or <http://www.palmango.com>

DESCRIPTION: For more than a century, Palm Beach County's libraries have nurtured and shaped Florida's unique history. From early residents' efforts to bring literacy and a love of reading to the vast tropical wilderness of the nineteenth century, to modern-day book festivals celebrating the written word, *Overdue in Paradise* honors Palm Beach County's individuals, social institutions, and municipal governments that created a culture of literacy in one of Florida's largest and most prominent regions. Public, academic, and a variety of specialized libraries developed their own distinctive collections, enriching the lives of residents since Florida's earliest pioneer days. Palm Beach County's vast collections of books, media, and reference materials are both a cause and result of its cultural diversity, and have left an enduring legacy on residents and visitors alike.

Overdue in Paradise: The Library History of Palm Beach County recounts the beginnings of many of South Florida's earliest libraries. This legacy would not have been possible were it not for the valiant efforts of volunteers, professional librarians, and other community-minded Floridians who relentlessly sought out and obtained the resources

needed to create collections that would serve their local communities.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Overdue in Paradise: The Library History of Palm Beach County / Janet M. DeVries, Graham Brunk, Ginger L. Pedersen, Shellie A. Labell, Rosa Sophia, editors. Foreword by Dawn Frood

Palmango Press; First Edition, November 14, 2017

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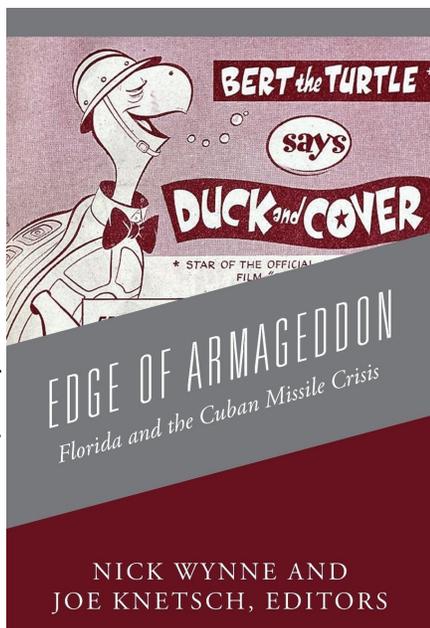
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Edge of Armageddon: Florida and the Cuban Missile Crisis

Nick Wynne and Joe Knetsch (Eds.)

New Florida history book born from our Florida archives and recalls the tensions that the state faced 55 years ago this month. Several **SFA members**, including **Janet DeVries** (Palm Beach State College Library), contributed to this book. Janet's work discusses how this event shaped life in Palm Beach County. Published by Outskirts Press, October 10, 2017 (ISBN-13: 978-1478702472)

DESCRIPTION: For Floridians, who were on the front-line of the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962, tranquility in the face of the possible extermination of much of the world's population was difficult to maintain. Endless convoys of troops and equipment, often tying up public transportation routes, signaled a crisis that approached that of World War II. Overhead, the flights of jet fighters and bombers reinforced the perception that war was imminent, while the hasty erection of defensive and offensive missile batteries along public thoroughfares and in remote sections of the Florida countryside was a clear indication that the Sunshine State would be the first target should war break out. Even the lukewarm efforts of state and local authorities to provide structures for civil defense added to the sense of impending violence.



South Florida Archivists and Archival Community meet up at Archives Day

On October 20th, the South Florida Archival Community met for a morning coffee break to discuss and plan on forming a professional group for South Floridians working in archives, historical societies, museums, and public history of South History.

Among the discussion, members of the South Florida archival community introduced themselves and presented information on their institution's collections. Many expressed the desire for the formation of a South Florida Community, similar to Gold Coast Archives Group, as an additional network to share regional expertise and resources. The meeting was a very productive and positive experience in seeing the diversity and uniqueness of repositories and libraries in within the region. Capitalizing on the enthusiasm and energy displayed throughout the meeting, a second invitation will follow for a next meeting in January 2018.

Following the coffee meeting, members were invited to participate in Archives Days, hosted by FIU, as an opportunity to showcase services and specialized collections located within South Florida.

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Florida History: Broward County and Gerald Kogan

Seth H. Bramson, Adjunct Professor of History at Barry University and Nova Southeastern University, published two books in 2017.

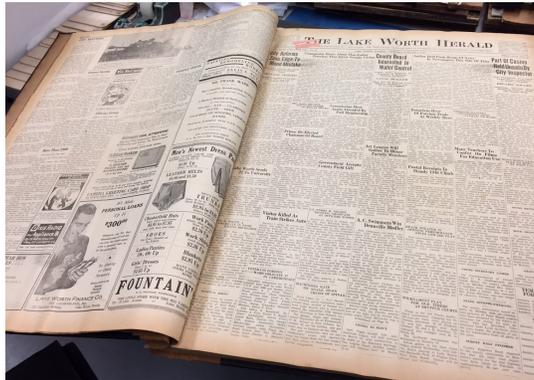
Broward County, in **Arcadia's Postcard History Series**, is about the history of Florida's second largest county. Foreword written by the county mayor.

From Brooklyn To Biscayne Bay And On To Tallahassee: The Remarkable Story of Former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald Kogan, published by Marc—Martin Publishing of Hallandale Beach, is a biography of Florida judge and Supreme Court justice, Gerald Kogan.

Boynton Beach City Library Awarded LSTA Funds

This summer the Florida Department of State awarded the Boynton Beach City Library a \$35,000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to digitize the only known copies of the Lake Worth Herald newspaper from 1912 to 1970. Working together with the Lake Worth Public Library and the Lake Worth Herald Press, Inc., the Boynton Beach City Library will be the lead partner on the project.

Currently there are very few pre-1970 newspapers available digitally for Palm Beach County. The Lake Worth Herald newspaper contains information about communities from Boynton Beach to West Palm Beach during the towns' early growth and development and includes a specific "Boynton Section". Once the project is completed, both the Boynton Beach City Library and the Lake Worth Public Library will host the digitized Lake Worth Herald online through their websites.



Lake Worth Herald Newspaper

Each partner in the collaborative effort brings something unique to the project: The Lake Worth Herald Press, Inc. is the copyright holder and shares ownership of the actual newspapers with the Lake Worth Public Library. The Boynton Beach City Library has the expertise and experience to create metadata and possesses the necessary project management skills to complete the project. As a group, the team brings together the knowledge, skills, rights, and physical objects needed for a successful outcome.

The team is outsourcing the digitization to Northern Micrographics, a company located in La Crosse, Wisconsin that specializes in digital imaging. Upon the project's completion in June 2018, the Florida Electronic Library will harvest the metadata to add to the statewide database and to the Digital Public Library of America.

Upcoming Events

Sunshine State Digital Network (SSDN)



SSDN invites everyone to attend an informational workshop about Florida's involvement with the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). This **FREE** one day workshop held in December, introduces participants to the DPLA. Participants will leave with a better understanding of what DPLA is, how to use it as a resource, and about Florida's involvement with DPLA through the new Sunshine State Digital Network (SSDN). The objective is to learn more about how to get involved and prepare your institution's metadata for inclusion. We welcome anyone in the Florida library and museum community to attend. Thanks to a generous grant from the Knight Foundation attendees will receive a small stipend to help offset the cost of travel.

Event Information:

Date: Friday, December 15, 2017

Time: 9am-4pm

Location: R.A. Gray Building, Florida State Library and Archives

Address: 500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6643

You can find more information and an agenda at sunshinestatedigitalnetwork.org/events

RSVP by Wednesday, December 13 at <https://goo.gl/forms/prQWXOGtrlUKdsrg2>.

Contact **Keila Zayas-Ruiz** (Sunshine State Digital Network Coordinator) at kezayasruiz@fsu.edu with questions.

*Please note this workshop covers the same material presented in Miami, Orlando, and Fort Myers in November 2017

Call for Proposals for 2018 Annual Meeting

The 2018 Society of Florida Archivists Annual Meeting Committee invites session proposals for live presentations and a poster session that will educate and broaden the perspectives of our membership. Submissions may focus on practices within a specific repository, a type of institution, or examine institutional partnerships. Proposal topics addressing any aspect of archival practice are welcome.

Proposed sessions may incorporate any of the following session formats:

- Individual papers. 10-15 minutes in length and typically combined into a 45-minute session followed by a comment-and-discussion period.
- Papers in a complete panel session. Two or three papers with a common theme and a chair/moderator, comprising a 45-minute session followed by a comment-and-discussion period.
- Discussion-based panel sessions. Visual or media presentations (e.g., videos, films, physical items from collections) followed by group discussion. One to three presenters may comprise a single session.
- Lightning talks. Short individual talks given in rapid succession, followed by a comment-and-discussion period.
- Poster sessions. Visual displays of projects, activities, or applied or theoretical research, to be incorporated into a larger poster session.
- Other formats. Hands-on demonstrations or other formats that encourage engagement and conversation.

Proposal Criteria:

- Submissions should be simple narratives of no more than 300 words that explain the purpose of the session, the intended audience, and how the session will proceed. You need not name specific presenters, but a designated chair or moderator must be identified. Please include that individual's contact information (institution, mailing address, email, and phone). Preference will be given to session proposals that demonstrate the following characteristics:
- Inclusion of geographically and demographically diverse perspectives and initiatives.
- Potential impact on archives and records management practice.
- Relevance of the topic for society members and other interested attendees.
- Interaction and engagement with session participants.
- Presenters need not be SFA members, but will be expected to arrange their own conference registration, travel, and accommodations.

Proposals are due to the Annual Meeting Committee **by the end of the day Sunday, February 4, 2018**. Questions regarding your submission, proposal criteria, or the submission process should be addressed to [Sandra Varry](#) or [Brittney Farley](#).

For more information, visit <http://www.florida-archivists.org/2018-Annual-Meeting-Call-for-Proposals>

To submit a proposal, go to <https://goo.gl/forms/4hHGWJiBvlyMjxz33>

2017 Archives Month

A Review of Archives Month 2017

Florida Archives Month 2017 was a great success thanks to the Archives Spotlight and Found it in the Archives submissions by SFA member institutions throughout the state. This year in celebration of the theme of outreach and collaboration, the Florida Archives Month Committee recommended the LYRASIS continuing education webinar Promotion and Outreach of Digital Projects on November 2, 2017. The webinar was provided free of cost through the Florida Division of Library and Information Services benefit program available to all state librarians, archivists and information professionals. The Society of Florida Archivists was also mentioned on the Society of American Archivists Archives Month webpage in recognition of our activities during national Archives Month. To view the full lineup, visit <https://www2.archivists.org/initiatives/american-archives-month-the-power-of-collaboration/american-archives-month-2017>

A special thank you is also accorded to Florida Archives Month Committee members:
Britt Farley, Hannah Wiatt Davis, Krystal Thomas and Jessica M. Orozco.

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Florida Archives Spotlight



Found in the McKay Archives: Ceremonial pens! This particular pen was used by President Lyndon B. Johnson to sign Public Law 90-9, which terminated the Indian Claims Commission. The law was signed on April 10, 1967 and the pen was presented to U.S. Congressman James A. Haley, the sponsor of the original bill and whose papers we hold here at Florida Southern College. The Haley Papers also contain ceremonial pens used by Presidents Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, and Jimmy Carter .

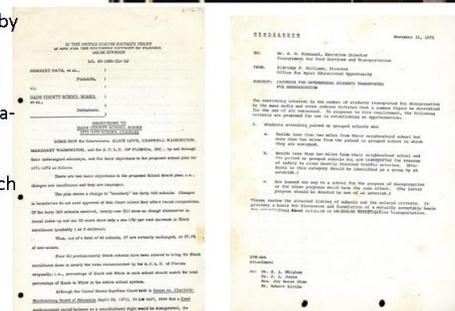
Submitted by : Jeff Zines
McKay Archives Center
Florida Southern College

Florida Archives Spotlight

Eldridge F. Williams was born in Washington County, Texas on November 2, 1917 to cotton share croppers. Williams received a B.S in Education from Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana in 1936 and a Masters from University of Michigan in 1941.

In 1964, Williams began his career with Dade Public School as a teacher. A few years later he was promoted to Coordinator for Federal Programs. In 1966 he became the Director of Administrative Staffing and by 1971 he assumed the position of Director of School Desegregation which evolved to the position of Director of Equal Educational Opportunity. As director he implemented Title VII, IX and other federal regulations that aimed to eliminate discrimination in the school system.

This Collection was donated to The Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. in 2005 by Eldridge F. Williams. The collection contains information regarding the desegregation and integration of Dade Public Schools.



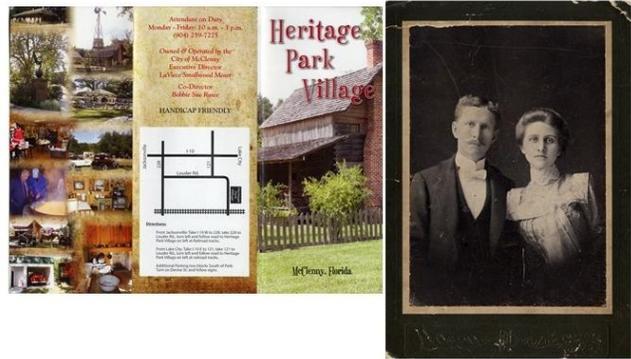
Submitted by : Jocelyn Hurtado,
The Black Archives History and Research Foundation
of South Florida, Inc.

Florida Archives Spotlight

Last year, the State Archives of Florida accessioned the unique Baker County Area History Collection (N2016-9). Ms. LaViece Smallwood Moser, director of the Baker County Historical Society, built this collection as a result of her research during the creation of Heritage Park Village. Records in this collection date from 1900 to 2011 and include Moser's notes and correspondence, family genealogies, scrapbooks, photo albums, copies of her publications about Baker County residents, and oral histories.

The collection has a wealth of information on local families and cultures. It contains a thorough genealogical investigation of the founding McClenny and Darby families as well as personal histories of many of Baker County's prominent citizens.

The collection also includes records related to Heritage Park Village, one of Baker County's best-kept secrets. This unique multistructure museum is dedicated to preserving the county's community history. The museum consists of more than 20 historical buildings, most notably the Burnsed Block House dating back to about 1820. The collection contains photographs of the structures and their owners or inhabitants, historical narratives and even a creative diary written from the Burnsed House's point of view by previous owner Jean Dowling.



What makes this collection so remarkable is that LaViece Smallwood Moser's intent for creating, amassing and maintaining these materials is clear: Baker County has a long, rich history that needs to be told, and a sense of small-town community pride can be felt through its many pages and photographs.

*Submitted by : Beth Golding
State Archives of Florida*

Florida Archives Spotlight...

As part of its annual Archives Awareness Week, the City of Tampa's Archives and Records Division released two recently digitized historic photographic collections to the public. These photo collections have never been shown beyond the City of Tampa's archives, and were not previously available digitally. In collaboration with the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library, the photographic collections are now available online and can be accessed on this web site: <http://digitalcollections.hcplc.org/digital/>

The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Collection was donated to the City of Tampa in 1994 by Tampa Historical Society. It contains more than 30,000 images of events in Tampa from about 1950 until 1990. Many local elected officials and other dignitaries are featured in this collection.

The Tampa Photo Supply Collection includes more than 50,000 images taken by local photographers Rose Rutigliano Weekley and Joseph Scolaro from 1940 until 1990. The collection primarily focuses on West Tampa, Ybor City, and South Tampa. Tampa Photo Supply's photographers captured many pivotal life events such as graduations and weddings, as well as scenes from daily life in Tampa.

Both collections are currently in the process of being digitized, and at this time, there are about 1,000 photographs available online from each collection. More photographs are being added daily, and will be an invaluable resource to the public.



*Submitted by : Jennifer Dietz,
City of Tampa Archives and Records*

2017 Archives Month

Found it in Archives

I found it in our Florida Archives:



Parkland is a city located in the northwest corner of Broward County, Florida. The mission of the Parkland Historical Society, established in 2000, is to collect, catalog and preserve the history of the City of Parkland.

The main road of Parkland is called Holmberg Road and it predates the 1963 founding of the city. A deed dated March 16th, 1932 by J.L. Holmberg and his wife, Mary L. Holmberg conveys the land to Broward County.

Research into the origin of the road uncovered this photograph of John L. Holmberg taken at his home in Miami Florida called "Ten Acre." We believe it was taken sometime in the 1920's. Photo courtesy of his granddaughters Mary Holmberg Brown and Susan Holmberg Willoughby.

*Submitted by : Ken Cutler
Parkland Historical Society*

I found it in our Florida Archives:

Recently, a faded manila envelope mysteriously appeared on my desk with no provenance. As I sifted through the worn newspaper clippings, crumbling scrapbook pages, sepia toned photographs, hand-written tuition receipts, type-written letters, an amazing story emerged. A tale of hard-working, middle class Palm Beach County teenagers attending Florida's first public junior college. A chronicle of sweethearts separated by the second world war and lives reorganized to support both life on the American home front, our national security and war efforts.

I eventually pieced together that the materials were donated to the college by the family of Marian Hallock Gibbs and John Allison Gibbs who attended Palm Beach Junior College between 1941 and 1947. Marian Hallock served as editor-in-chief for *The Beachcomber*, the college's newspaper. In 1942, she arranged for the first Florida Junior College Journalism Conference and served as a correspondent for *The Palm Beach Post* newspaper, chronicling Palm Beach Junior College's "men in uniform," and the "scrape for scrap" drive for local newspapers.



*Submitted by : Janet Devries Naughton
Palm Beach State College*

I found it in our Florida Archives:

That'll do pig. That'll do. This hog skin wine dispenser from Spain is probably the most bizarre object in the Governor's House Library. Related documentation suggests wine was actually fermented inside the hog skin! The wine dispenser is a 20th-century artifact (c. 1930), and became part of the museum collection in December of 1965 when a building known as the Old Spanish Inn, a site which had been portrayed as a northern Spanish inn, was acquired as a new interpretive space. A suite of artifacts came with the site, the pig being one. Rita "Cookie" O'Brien is featured in the photo below. Drinks anyone?

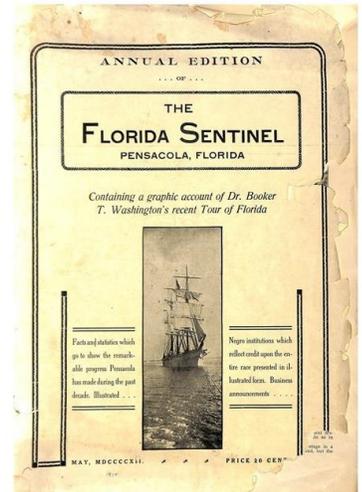


Submitted by : Matt Armstrong
UFHSA Governor's House Library

I Found it in our Florida Archives

Published in Pensacola, Florida, by Matthew M. Lewey, the Florida Sentinel was a magazine for the African American community. This issue, which describes Dr. Booker T. Washington's 1912 tour of North Florida, is the only original Florida Sentinel in our archives. It is one of the few original issues of the magazine known to exist.

You can visit the UWF Historical Trust at:
<http://uwf.edu/offices/historic-trust/>



Published in 1912 by Matthew M. Lewey. This African American publication documents Dr. Booker T. Washington's tour from Pensacola to Jacksonville, Florida.

Submitted by : Jacki Wilson , University of West Florida Historical Trust

I found it in our Florida Archives:

As archivists we adhere to the principles of provenance and original order so we can preserve the context of records and their relationships within a series. However, sometimes one document in a collection can tell a story on its own. One such example in the State Archives of Florida is within the Stone Family Papers (M88-1). Pioneer settler Colonel Henry D. Stone, a veteran of the Revolution and the War of 1812, was an election inspector and member of the Legislative Council for Calhoun County. He was the great-grandfather of Mode Lee Stone, a prominent Florida educator and school administrator. M88-1 contains a wide variety of materials, including correspondence, diaries, photographs, financial papers, land records and other 19th and early 20th century documents concerning several Calhoun and Jackson County families, dating from 1827 to 1959, collected by Jeanne Compton Stone, wife of Mode Lee Stone. The collection also contains one document of particular interest: a Florida State University Stadium Ticket Agreement. For a mere \$50 each, individuals or corporations purchased seating spaces in the proposed Doak S. Campbell football stadium. Although it was completed two days late, it only took five months to construct the 15,000-seat stadium. Doak S. Campbell Stadium opened on October 7, 1950, when Florida State claimed a 40-7 victory over Randolph-Macon in front of 9,676 fans.



Submitted by : Beth Golding, State Archivist
State Archives of Florida

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Archives Spotlight, continued from front page



Floy Britt

After much time had passed, I discovered a book in a box of photos that we had acquired. It was enlightening. *Dimensions In History; Re-counting Florida Cooperative Extension Service Progress, 1909-1976*, compiled and edited by J. Francis Cooper; Bicentennial Edition, published by Alpha Delta Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi, McCarthy Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 1976. It laid out the course of the history of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service and led to answers about Floy Britt and who she was.

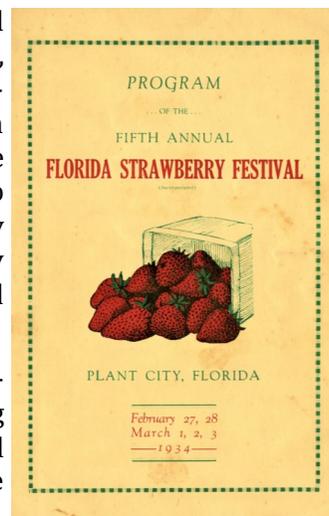
Here is some of the information gleaned from Cooper's book, "Chapter 11—Helping Negroes Make Notable Advances." During the early years of the Florida Agricultural Extension Service a department for Negro Work was established. It was to be a program designed to assist black citizens in rural areas. The extension service agents were responsible for developing and implementing programs to benefit the black citizens through clubs, Farm Makers Clubs for the boys and Home Makers Clubs for the girls. The first supervisor, A. A. Turner, was appointed in 1917 to lead this new organization, working under the auspices of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes in Tallahassee and under the direction of the segregated Florida Extension Service based at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He retired in 1948 after over 30 years with the service.

Beginning in 1920, annual negro agents' meetings were held at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College to provide training in programs of work and related responsibilities. Home Makers Clubs had canning clubs, poultry clubs, improvement clubs, dairy clubs, sanitation clubs, and savings clubs. Through the exhibits at county and state fairs, and the pride in their work shown by club members, the farm and home makers clubs movement became very popular.

Interestingly, Chapter 11 was written by Virgil L. Elkins, who had participated in extension service programs for black children as a youth. Elkins graduated from the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, then worked for the extension service until his retirement. He was inducted in the Florida 4-H Hall of

Fame in 2002. It was said that, along with Floy Britt, Virgil Elkins played a pivotal role in the smooth transition from separate segregated programs to joint 4-H programming by FAMU and the University of Florida (Florida 4-H Hall of Fame records.)

Floy Britt became interested in 4-H when attending Florida A&M and joined the service in 1932. Unlike many of the agents in the extension service, Britt had a bachelor's degree in Health Education. She received her master's degree in 1954. Sent to Hillsborough County to work with the clubs, Britt set up community gardens, training residents to grow their own food and to can food for the future. She frequently visited the Plant City and Bealsville area.



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| EXHIBIT BUILDINGS | | |
| | Booth | Number |
| Executive Office Florida Strawberry Festival | 1 | 1 |
| Boys' Corn Club | 2 | 2 |
| Too Late to Classify | 3 | 3 |
| Florida Strawberry Festival Exhibit | 4-6-8 | 4-6-8 |
| Rogers and Middlebrooks Department Store | 5-7 | 5-7 |
| Orange State Motor Oil Co. | 9 | 9 |
| Home Demonstration Exhibit (Miss Rush) | 10 | 10 |
| Plant City Enterprise | 11 | 11 |
| Home Demonstration Exhibit (Colored) Floy Britt in charge | 12 | 12 |
| Kilgore Seed Company | 13 | 13 |
| Future Farmers of Florida Competitive Exhibit | 14 | 14 |
| Too Late to Classify | 15 | 15 |
| Florida Strawberry Marketing Association and affiliated companies | 16 | 16 |
| Frances Wordehoff Sunday School Class Lunch Room | 17-19 | 17-19 |
| Plant City Coca-Cola Bottling Co. | 18 | 18 |
| Growers' and Shippers' Supply Company | 20 | 20 |
| Future Farmers of Florida Competitive Exhibit | 21 | 21 |
| R. W. Burch, Inc. | 22 | 22 |
| Future Farmers of Florida Competitive Exhibit | 23 | 23 |
| Plant City Courier | 24 | 24 |
| Dover Community Exhibit | 25-27 | 25-27 |
| Too Late to Classify | 26 | 26 |
| Herring Drug Company | 28 | 28 |
| Wimauma Community Exhibit | 29-31 | 29-31 |
| G. A. Carey, Inc. | 30-32 | 30-32 |
| Turkey Creek Community Exhibit | 33-35 | 33-35 |
| Elberta Caste Company | 34 | 34 |
| Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co. | 36 | 36 |
| Springhead Community Exhibit | 37-39 | 37-39 |
| Tampa Electric Co. (Plant City Division) | 38-40 | 38-40 |
| Pinkert's Photo Studio | 41 | 41 |
| Too Late to Classify | 42 | 42 |
| Florida Strawberry Festival Assn. Strawberry Short-Cake | 43 | 43 |
| Zephyrus Supply Co.—(Jack Bock) | 44 | 44 |
| Langford's Service Station and Radio and Refrigerator Service | 45 | 45 |
| American Legion | 46 | 46 |
| Kingsville Lumber Company | 47 | 47 |
| Bates Chevrolet Company | 48 | 48 |
| Weaver's Candy Kitchen | 49 | 49 |
| Smith Electric | 50 | 50 |
| Boy Scouts, in charge of Oscar Baynard and Mike Sansone | 51 | 51 |
| Florida Milk Company—Suwannee Ice Cream | 52 | 52 |

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During the mid-1940s Britt was promoted and supervised all black home demonstration agents in Florida and was instrumental in developing home demonstration agents into a more professional and better educated organization. She established the Florida State Association for Negro Home Demonstration Agents to develop quality leadership and a sense of professional pride (Ref. Darryl Palmer, UF/IFAS Communications).

Also inducted into the Florida 4-H Hall of Fame, Floy Britt organized 4-H short courses at Florida A&M for black boys and girls. She was the first state director of the 4-H for African American girls and served in that capacity until 1965. Following a remarkable, long and successful career, Britt retired in 1967. And that is who Floy Britt was.

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providing a valuable resource, will serve as a directory for local and regional networking when a disaster occurs. If you would check the list for your organization to make sure the information is up-to-date, that would help. You can fill out the update form online at <https://library.ucf.edu/about/departments/special-collections-university-archives/forms/florida-archives-manuscripts-repository-form/>.

If you have any questions please contact **Alexandra Curran** (acurran1@mail.usf.edu) or **Gerri Schaad** (gschaad@flsouthern.edu).

Britt Farley and her **Florida Archives Month** team have posted some great highlights of archival collections throughout the state. We had eight postings varied institutions. Many thanks to the Archives Month Committee who helped celebrate our month: **Britt Farley** (Committee Chair), **Krystal Thomas**, **Jessica M. Orozco**, and **Hannah Wiatt Davis**.

Additionally, thank you to the contributors for allowing us a peek into their collections: **Jacki Wilson**, UWF Historical Trust; **Jennifer Dietz**, City of Tampa Archives and Records; **Beth Golding**, State Archives of Florida; **Jocelyn Hurtado**, The Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc.; **Janet Devries Naughton**, Palm Beach State College Archives; **Jeff Zines**, Florida Southern College's McKay Archives Center; **Kenneth Cutler, Esq.**, Parkland Historical Society; and **Matt Armstrong**, UF Historical St. Augustine (UFHSA).

Florida will soon be interacting much more efficiently with the **Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)**. The new **Sunshine State Digital Network (SSDN)** website is up and running. SSDN is the Florida State DPLA hub and they are looking for volunteers to participate with the Metadata Working Group, Outreach Working Group, and Training Working Group. If you are interested in helping to establish metadata standards, develop a marketing plan, or create training materials for the SSDN initiative. For more information, visit: <https://sunshinestatedigitalnetwork.github.io/pages/Participation.html>.

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It is great hope that Archives Day becomes a yearly tradition and many community members will be able to participate in the years to come.

The FIU community was able to celebrate and learn from different levels of expertise on various archival collections. Many students and FIU library staff stopped by and were awed by the collections presented. The FIU archivists and family gives a warm thank you for those who participated.



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