



FLORIDA MEMORY

State Library & Archives of Florida

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Newsletter

Welcome!

Thank you for signing up to receive the Florida Memory Newsletter. Each quarter, we will send you updates about all the exciting things happening on Florida Memory.

[Florida Memory](#) is the digital outreach program of the State Library and Archives of Florida.

Florida Memory's mission is to provide free online access to select resources from the collections of the State Library and Archives of Florida. Florida Memory chooses materials for digitization that highlight significant events and individuals in the state's history and helps educate Floridians and millions of other people around the world about Florida history and culture.

Request Your 2019 Florida Memory Calendar



Loving your 2018 Florida Memory calendar? You can request our 2019 calendar now using [this form](#). We'll mail your complimentary calendar at the end of this year.

Digital Volunteers Tackle Massive Indexing Project

Do you have a Florida relative who served as a county commissioner, notary public or a justice of the peace? Does your local historical society have an accurate list of all the sheriffs, judges and tax collectors who have held public office in your county? You'll soon have an easy way to answer questions like these any time, thanks to the hard work of digital volunteers from across the state. Since the 1820s, Florida's territorial and state officials have maintained official records for every commission granted to public servants at the state and local levels. That's everyone from the governor down to the school board members, commissioners of pilotage and constables for every county. The State Archives is currently digitizing these records and making them available on Florida Memory as a searchable database, which will be a major boon for historians and genealogists alike.

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That's where the volunteers come in. Members of local genealogical societies, historical societies and museums have been volunteering their time to carefully transcribe the handwritten data from over 60 volumes into tables that will form the backbone of the new database when it goes online. Since the records are organized by county, Archives staff have been able to assign volunteers to work on records that directly relate to their own research and interests.

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2	First Name	Last Name	Office
3	James P.	Martin	County Judge
4	Eugene S.	Armstrong	Sheriff
5	Thomas Z.	Martin	Clerk of Court
6	R. L.	Williams	Superintendent
7	F. M.	Tooke	County Surveyc
8	Robert J.	Paterson	Tax/Revenue A:
9	Council O.	Moye	Tax/Revenue C:
10	T. W.	Dale	County Treasur

And the best part? These volunteers have done all of this work from the comfort of their own homes. Archives staff maintain an online "work folder" for each volunteer containing the page images they have been assigned and the preformatted spreadsheets they need for collecting the data. Volunteers can access these materials from any Internet-ready device and work at their own pace. Volunteers can also serve as reviewers, checking for errors and flagging trouble spots for further attention.

The project is far from over, and there are plenty of pages left to transcribe. If you would like to volunteer for the project, contact State Archives Historian Dr. Josh Goodman via [email](#) or by phone at 850.245.6313.

Special Saturday Research Hours Through October



We are pleased to offer [special research hours](#) to better serve our patrons, archives fans and history buffs. On the third Saturday of the month in August and September and the second Saturday of the month in October, the reference room in Tallahassee will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We hope this gives our patrons who are unable to visit the State Archives during the week a chance to catch up on their research. Dates are as follows: July 21, August 18, September 15 and October 13. See you there!

New Photographic Collection at the State Archives

The State Archives of Florida recently accessioned nearly 200 cubic feet of audio and visual materials from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Division of Community Relations. The materials date from the late 1950s to the present and include photographic prints, negatives, digital files, 16mm films, videotapes and reel-to-reel audio tape recordings that promote the conservation and use of Florida land and wildlife resources. This collection will soon be processed and a selection of records will be made available on Florida Memory.



Florida Memory Classroom Now on CPALMS



Lesson plans from the [Florida Memory Classroom](#) were reviewed and approved by CPALMS, Florida's official source for teaching standards information and course descriptions. Florida Memory's lesson plans are designed specifically for 4th grade social studies classes and high school U.S. history classes. The lessons give students an introduction to the concept of primary versus secondary sources using records from the State Archives and prepare them for future study using more complex documents. These lesson plans are designed to teach students about American history through a Florida lens.

Ask an Archivist

In each newsletter, State Archives reference archivists will help you find answers to the most common research questions, such as:

How can my family and I be recognized through the Pioneer Descendant Certification Program directed by the Florida State Genealogical Society?

State pioneer certificates honor individuals living in Florida prior to statehood on March 3, 1845, and county pioneer certificates honor individuals living in a county at the time of its creation. Descendants [applying](#) to the program must submit applications and documented proof of their direct line of descent from their pioneer ancestor and their ancestor's residency.



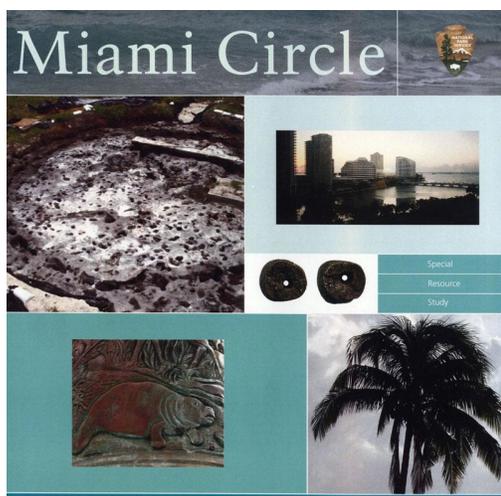
The Florida State Genealogical Society donates copies of these application files to the State Archives of Florida for permanent preservation in two collections: Florida State Pioneer Certificate Application Files ([M84-13](#)) and Florida County Pioneer Certificate Application Files ([M90-21](#)). Both collections contain applications and supporting genealogical records. Together, these collections not only

serve as a starting point for new applicants but also as wonderful examples of well-researched genealogy.

It is important to note that access to these files is restricted to protect personal privacy since some documents contain confidential information. Archives staff can provide access to individual files only after screening the files to review confidential information. For more information about the Pioneer Descendant Certification Program, please contact the Florida State Genealogical Society's [Pioneer Committee Chair](#).

Have a research question? Contact our reference desk today at 850.245.6719.

New at the State Archives



The State Archives recently accessioned series S2350, the Department of State's Division of Historical Resources' Florida Forever Property Acquisition Files, documenting the review of lands that have been considered for acquisition through the Florida Forever program administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of State Lands.

The sites included within this series, such as the Miami Circle project, have their own case file that includes background information, project assessments, site designs, correspondence and other site-specific planning materials. Many also have final evaluation reports prepared by Acquisition and Restoration Council Liaison staff. More

information about [this collection](#) is available in the State Archives' online catalog.

State Library of Florida Bibliographies

The State Library of Florida creates bibliographies to help researchers find materials from the State Library and Archives of Florida. Each bibliography includes a selection of books and publications, articles and materials available on Florida Memory about a specific topic. These resources are especially helpful for people in the early stages of the research process. There are currently over [35 bibliographies](#) with topics such as [genealogy](#), [British heritage](#), [education in Florida](#) and [Native Americans in Florida](#). If you have questions about these resources, please contact the State Library via [email](#).

Welcome to the State Library of Florida Online Catalog



Florida Memory Now on Digital Public Library of America



We are pleased to announce that 62,000 records from Florida Memory are now discoverable through the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). In 2018, the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services partnered with the Sunshine State Digital Network (SSDN) to help make more records available through DPLA. Expanding this partnership and increasing the accessibility of these records is a vital step toward raising awareness of Florida's rich historical and cultural heritage.

The SSDN was built through a collaboration between the Division, the University of Miami, Florida State University, the University of Florida, the University of

Central Florida, Florida International University, Florida Gulf Coast University, the University of South Florida and the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative.

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