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Title Vero Man

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Acquisition Information / Provenance

In preparation for a month-long local history event called "Tacachale" (Lighting fires) at the Main Library from March 1, 1997 until April 5, 1997, historical research was required to locate Vero Man, the 12-14,000 human remains discovered in the Main canal ca. 1914-15. The hope was to locate the missing skull and create exhibits to educate and inform the public. A grant was granted by the Florida Humanities Council that helped to publicize and gather the materials.

When a mastodon bone was found in 2009 with a Mammoth carving on it, the community revived the search for Vero Man and archaeologists renewed their interests in digging at the old undisturbed site. As a result, more research was done and many more articles published. This is an ongoing collection.

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Dates 1913-2013

Historical Note Many of the records in this collection are a direct result of a research trip to the Smithsonian Institution (April 1996) in search of Vero Man remains and records.

Scope and Content Contains photocopies of original documents. There are no original documents. Although the focus is on the original excavation of Vero Man in 1915, many other discoveries of bones have been uncovered through the years. Information about any discovery in Indian River County has been included in this collection.

Index Terms Vero Man
Van Valkenburg Canal
Tarzan Park

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Florida Geological Survey. Collection
Excavations (Archaeology) -- Florida -- Vero Beach
Indians of North America -- Florida -- Vero Beach -- Antiquities
Vero man
Vero Beach (Fla.) -- Antiquities
Indian River County (Fla.) -- Antiquities
Indian River County (Fla.) -- History
Vero Beach, Indian River County, (Fla.) -- History
Sellards, Elias Howard -- Florida State Geologist
Hrdlicka, Ales -- 1869-1943 (Head of the Smithsonian)

Access

Unrestricted. The entire collection is open for research. Gloves and clean hands are required.

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Folder #1 – Newspaper Articles

DATE	NEWSPAPER TITLE	ARTICLE TITLE
1913 Feb 21	Fort Pierce Tribune	Fossil Remains in Florida (Sellards)
1914 Nov	Indian River Farmer	What They are doing at Vero---the shell mounds opposite Vero [J. Hill and I.M. Weills]
1914 Apr 24	Fort Pierce News	An Interesting Find (shell mounds) [Ralph Hayes]
1914 Sep 25	Fort Pierce News	Among guests....Joseph J. Shelly
1915 Jan 22	Fort Pierce News	More Prehistoric Remains Are Found Near Vero
1915 Jan 29	Fort Pierce News	Elephants and Mastodons Once Lived in this Section [Sellards]
1915 Feb 19	The Fort Pierce News	State Geologist Studies Fossils Found Here [Sellards, Gunter, Weills]
1915 Jul	St. Lucie County Tribune	Advertisement: "We Buy Bones"
1916 Jan 14/21 or Feb 18	Fort Pierce News	State Geologist Finds First Fossilized Human Bone at Vero [Sellards, Gunter, Weills]
1916 Feb 18	St Lucie County Tribune	H.E. Sellards of Tallahassee, state geologist with his assistant, Mr. Gunter, spent several days around Vero. [Sellards, Gunter, Ayers, Weills]
1916 Apr 28	St Lucie County Tribune	E. H. Sellards, State Geologist is visiting in Vero, the guest of I.M. Weills...
1916 May 5	St Lucie County Tribune	The People's Forum: Road Signboards a Public Necessity. Letter to editor from Isaac M. Weills [Sellards, Ayers, Weills]
1916 Jun 30	Fort Pierce News	Big Scientific Body May Visit Vero in 1917 [Sellards, Weills]
1916 Jul 21	St Lucie County Tribune	Many Prehistoric Relics Been Unearthed at Vero [Sellards, Ayers, Weills]
1916 Jul 29	The Fellsmere Tribune	Many Prehistoric relics been unearthed at Vero
1916 Aug 12	Fellsmere Tribune	"We stand to back Vero...the Garden of Eden..."
1916 Sep 29	St Lucie County Tribune	Human Bones Found at Vero 20,000 Years Old? [Sellards]
1916 Oct 28	Augusta Chronicle	(GA) Human Remains 10,000 Years Ago [Sellards]
1916 Nov 3	Fort Pierce News	Scientists Conclude Discovery Conference [Sellards, Gunter, Vaughan, Chamberlain, Wood, Ayers, Weills]
1916 Nov 3	St. Lucie Co Tribune	Vero is Mecca of Scientists [R.T. Chamberlain, T.W. Vaughan, O.P. Hay, A. Hrdlicka, George MacCurdy, E.H. Sellards]
1916 Dec 24	The Atlanta Constitution	Men were Living in North America 125,000 Years Ago [Sellards, Oliver P. Hay, R.T. Chamberlain, Thomas Wayland Vaughan, Dr. Alex Hrdlicka, Grant Maccurdy]
1916 Dec 24	The Miami Herald	Vero is an Old, Old Town [Sellards, Hay]
1916 Dec 24	New Orleans States	Human Beings in Florida 125,000 Years Ago [Sellards, Hay, R.T. Chamberlain, Thomas Wayland Vaughan, Dr. Alex Hrdlicka, Grant Maccurdy]
1916 Dec 24	Plain Dealer	(Cleveland OH) Did Folks Live in Florida 1250 Centuries Ago?

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1916 Dec 24	Columbus Ledger	(Columbus, OH) Big Question Raised Again [Sellards, Hay]
1916 Dec 26	The Washington Post	Fossil Man [Sellards, Hay]
1916 Dec 29	The Fort Pierce News	Scientists are Agog Over Discovery Recently at Vero. [Sellards, Hay, R.T. Chamberlain, Thomas Wayland Vaughan, Dr. Alex Hrdlicka, Grant Maccurdy]
1916 Dec 29	The Atlanta Constitution	Scientists Shown How Sound Looks And "Missing Link" [McGregor, Hrdlicka, Hay]
1916 Dec 29	Los Angeles Times	Is this beast "Missing Link? [McGregor, Hrdlicka, Hay]
1917 Jan 5	New Smyrna News	Giants Inhabited Florida in the year 123,084 B.C.
1917 Jan 12	St. Lucie Tribune	People Lived Here 125,000 Years Ago [Sellards, Hay, R.T. Chamberlain, Thomas Wayland Vaughan, Dr. Alex Hrdlicka, Grant Maccurdy]
1917 Jan 26	The Fort Pierce News	Tooth of MASTODON is Discovered near Vero [R.G. Runnells]
1917 Jan 28	Denver Colorado Sunday Morning	(Magazine Section) Found—The Bones of the First Americans Who Lived 3000000 Years Ago [Sellards]
1917 Jan 29	The Miami Herald	More Vero Mastodons [R. G. Runnells]
1917 Feb 3	St Lucie County Tribune	Vero in Big Sunday Edition [Chicago American]
1917 Feb 16	New Smyrna News	Earliest Men Americans ? [Sellards]
1917 Mar 23	The Fort Pierce News	Scientists of Baltimore visit Vero Fossil Beds [Prof Perry and Chamberlain, Sellards, Gunter]
1917 Mar 23	St Lucie County Tribune	State Geologist E.H. Sellards arrived in Vero... [Weills]
1917 May 16	The Hartford Courant	Scientists Make Many Discoveries [Hrdlicka]
1917 Jun 15	St Lucie County Tribune	Bradford county Telegraph: "Vero, St. Lucie county, is in mourning..."
1917 Jun 24	Boston Daily Globe	Not Primitive Man [Hrdlicka]
1917 Aug 10	Fort Pierce News	Sellards Still Gives Vero National Honors
1917 Dec 11	St Lucie County Tribune	Human Skeleton of Much Interest Was Found Here [Ayres, Weills, Sellards]
1917 Dec 15	The Miami Herald	Vero's Latest Skeleton (human skeleton) [Ayres, Weills, Sellards]
1918 Jan 11	New Smyrna News	...Agriculture in Ancient Florida [Sellards]
1918 Mar 11	Montgomery Advertiser	Revelation of Man's Antiquity in America [Sellards, E.W. Berry, O.P. Hay, R.W. Shufeldt]
1918 Aug 20	St Lucie County Tribune	State Geologist Dr. E. H. Sellards has been given leave of absence from his work in Florida...
1918 Sep 15	Oregonian	(Portland) Antiquity of North Americans [Hrdlicka, Sellards]
1919 Apr 20	Miami Herald	State Geologist (Sellards) Resigns (Herman Gunter appointed)
1922 Mar 16	The Vero Press	Tabloid Florida History [Hrdlicka]
1922 Nov 9	The Vero Press	The Vero Man [Sellards, Hrdlicka]
1923 Nov 8	Vero Press	Noted Scientist A Visitor Here [F. B. Loomis, Corsa]
1923 Nov 29	Vero Press	Melbourne is all excited over the finding of some interesting fossils in that vicinity.

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1924 Mar 14	Greensboro Daily	(Christian Science Monitor) Conquering the Everglades [Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Weills, Sellards, Hay, Dr. Edward W. Berry]
1924 Apr 3	The Vero Press	Present Florida Peninsula Ocean Bed 50,000 Years Ago [Weills, Sellards]
1924 Jun 8	Tampa Sunday Tribune	Eyes of Scientific World Turn to Discoveries Made Near Vero (Engraving) [Weills, Sellards]
1925 Jan 8	The Vero Press	Scientific Bodies Plan to Join in Hunt Here for Further Fossil Proof that Man Existed with Mastodon [Loomis, Sellards]
1925 Apr 30	The Vero Press	Noted Scientist Here from Vienna to Study Fossils [Dr. Othenis Abel, Weills, Ayres, Sellards, Corsa]
1925 May 14	The Vero Press	Mastodon Bones in Sewer Trench
1925 Jul 16	Vero Beach Press	Scientists Given Dinner at Melbourne [C.P. Singleton, Dr. F.W.B. Dorset, Dr. G.W. Patchen, LeRoy Cooper, W. G. Tubbs, J.W. Gidley, F.B. Loomis, J.W. Matthews]
1925 Aug 29	Miami Herald	Ancient Fossils Found in Florida [Dr. James W. Gidley]
1925 Dec 10	Vero Beach Press	Giant Dragons of Past in 'Lost World'
1926 Feb 19	Vero Beach Press	Curator to Seek Fossils at Vero Beach: Mammal Expert from National Museum Here Soon [Dr. J. W. Gidley]
1926 Mar 14	Vero Beach Journal	Geologist Makes Find in Main Drainage Canal [Dr. Henry M. Ami, Weills]
1926 June 29	Vero Beach Journal	Local Collector Has Valuable Fossil Display [Weills, F. Chas Gifford, Ed Carter, Sellards, Gunter]
1926 Sep 15	Vero Beach Press	An Ancient American Adventure [Ayers, Hay]
1926 Dec 1	Vero Beach Journal	Smithsonian Experts Find Evidence of Life on Earth for Billion Years
1926 Dec 4	Vero Beach Press	Ancient Men [Gidley, Loomis]
1926 Dec 5	Vero Beach Journal	An Omission: (Mr. Shelly was the man who found the fossilized remains and sent to Mr. Weills...) [Joseph Shelly --- the man who actually found the bones??]
1926 Dec 6	Vero Beach Press	Fossil Man in Florida by James William Gidley & Frederic B Loomis [Review includes all names involved with the excavations from 1913-1926]
1926 Dec 7	Vero Beach Press	Fossil Man in Florida 2 nd Installment
1926 Dec 8	Vero Beach Press	Fossil Man in Florida 3 rd Installment
1926 Dec 10	Vero Beach Journal	Vero Beach Gets Editorial Note
1927 Sep 2	Vero Beach Journal	Death Removes Devoted Friend From Community (Isaac M. Weills)
1928 May 18	Repository	(Canton, OH) Scientists Gather New Data on Man [Sellards, Gidley, Hrdlicka]
1928 Jul 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	Shell Mounds Give Up Interesting Data [Gidly, Dr. Thomas Barbour, Dr. F.B. Loomis, Dr. Thomas Ami]
1928 Aug 5	Seattle Daily Times	How Long Has Man Dwelt in America? [Gidley, Hrdlicka]
1930 Jan 3	Vero Beach Press Journal	Ancient Race of Humans Lived Here Centuries Ago
1930 Apr 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	Fossils of Now Extinct Beasts Unearthed Here

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1930 Jul 18	Vero Beach Press Journal	Fossils Found in North Relief Drainage Canal [D. A. Moran]
1932 Jan 29	Vero Beach Press Journal	Did Humans Beings Live Here Over 20,000 Years Ago [John H. Chase, (Friend of) F.B. Loomis, Ayers, Hrdlicka, Hay, Gunter, Vaughan, Chamberland, Berry]
1932 Feb 5	Vero Beach Press Journal	Scientist Finds Extinct Fossils [Chase, Ray Snodgrass, Dr. G. L. Harrell, Weills, Gifford]
1932 Feb 5	Vero Beach Press Journal	Old Florida
1932 Feb 19	Vero Beach Press Journal	Scientist Speak at Rotary Meeting: Vero Beach May Have Been the Site of the Garden of Eden [Chase]
1932 Feb 26	Vero Beach Press Journal	Club Will Observe 27 th Anniversary [Chase]
1932 Feb 26	Vero Beach Press Journal	Collector Visits Excavations Here [L.E. Bryant, Chase]
1932 Mar 4	Vero Beach Press Journal	Museum Proposed at High School [Chase]
1932 Dec 16	Vero Beach Press Journal	Slot Machines...(city council mtg) Tarzan Park [Chase]
1932 Dec 23	Vero Beach Press Journal	Chase Will Open Prehistoric Site as Public Museum
1932 Dec 30	Vero Beach Press Journal	Many Visitors at Prehistoric Site Since Opening [Chase]
1933 Jan 13	Vero Beach Press Journal	Prehistoric Site gains Publicity [Chase]
1933 Mar 3	Vero Beach Press Journal	Carnegie Director Visits Tarzan Park [Dr. John Merriam, Chase]
1933 Mar 6	Tampa Tribune	Eve of America [Chase, Sellerds, Gunter]
1933 Aug 4	Vero Beach Press Journal	Writer Makes Visit to Prehistoric Site [Pauline Stock]
1933 Nov 3	Vero Beach Press Journal	Tarzan Park Will Open for Season Wednesday [Ayers, Chase]
1935 Feb 24	Youngstown Vindicator	Rayen Graduate Digs in South for Kin of Famous 'Vero Man' [Foxman, Chase]
1936 Apr 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	Fossils of Now Extinct Beasts Unearth Here [P.D. McKellar, Dr. Frank Westendick]
1936 Apr 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	McKellar Speaks at Kiwanis Meet
1936 May 1	Vero Beach Press Journal	More Fossils Are Found Here [McKellar]
1936 May 22	Vero Beach Press Journal	Bison Roamed in Area at One Time [McKellar, A.M. Hill]
1937 Jan	Vero Beach Press Journal	Mammoth Beasts Once Roamed in Vero Beach Area [McKellar, Westendick (copy of Apr 24 1936)]
1937 Jul 29	Pilot	(Jackson Co, MN) McKellar Has Fine Collection of Fossils Gathered in Florida
1938 Feb 1	Vero Beach Press Journal	Mammoth Beasts Once Roamed in City and County [McKellar (another copy of 1936,1937 article)]
1950 Jun 2	Vero Beach Press Journal	Local Man's Find Shakes Entire Geological World: Ayers Finding of Early Man Brings Attention to Vero [Ayers, Sellards, Gifford, Weills, Abel, Chase]
1965 Feb 25	Vero Beach Press Journal	Important Discovery of Mastodon Remains
1965 Oct 21	Indian River News	Prehistoric Horse Tooth Found at Dalrymple's Dig
1965 Nov 25	Indian River News	Indian River County Rich in Historical Artifacts
1974 Apr 4	Vero Beach Press Journal	Vero Man... True, False
1987Apr 5	Vero Beach Press Journal	Vero, St. Augustine had war of words after discovery of human remains
1995 Jan 13	Vero Beach Press Journal	Mastodon Diggers Didn't Break Laws

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1996 May 6	Vero Beach Press Journal	Digging Up Links to Past
1996 Oct 1	Vero Beach Press Journal	Ancient Vero Man to Return
1999 Jan 18	Vero Beach Press Journal	Natives had their own treasured coast
2008 Jul 10	Vero Beach Press Journal	Scientists Revisiting Mystery of Vero Man
2008 Jul 11	Vero Beach Press Journal	Search for ancient bones in Vero seeks to answer century-old question
2008 Jul 18	Vero Beach Press Journal	Scientists Seek Answers at 1915 Vero Man Site.
2009 Jun 1	Vero Beach Press Journal	Grains of sand could reveal life of Indians
2009 Jun 6	Indian River Press Journal	Digging for the Truth: "There is Nothing Else Like It" But is 13,000-year-old, carved bone fragment found in Vero for real?
2009 Sept 18	Indian River Press Journal	Vero Beach Collector pins hope on bone
2009 Dec 3	Vero Beach 32963	Vero Beach residents get first peek at Vero Man fossil.
2010 Jan 23	Indian River Press Journal	Funding sought for ancient dig site
2010 Jan 27	Indian River Press Journal	Vero Historic Commission latest to vow protection for Vero Man Site.
2010 Jan 28	Indian River Press Journal	Veroman site excavation this spring?
2010 Feb 12	Hometown News	Historical society looking to fund professional dig
2010 Mar 2	Indian River Press Journal	Historic site protection for Vero Man site: Can you dig it?
2010 Mar 5	Indian River Press Journal	Scientists urging full-scale excavation of Vero Man site
2010 Mar 5	Indian River Press Journal	Lecture underscores site's importance
2010 Oct 21	Indian River Press Journal	Ancient bone weathers scrutiny
2011 Jun 10	Scripps Treasure Coast	Old Vero Man Ice Age site could be 'huge'
2012 Feb 17	Scripps Treasure Coast	Expert: Tooth holds key to Vero Man
2012 Apr 6	Scripps Treasure Coast	More secrets at Old Vero Man site
2012 Apr 20	Schripps Treasure Coast	2 possible excavation areas are revealed at Old Vero Man site
2012 Aug 22	TCPalm.com (Scripps)	Noted archaeologist hired to help investigate, raise funds in excavation of Ice Age site in Vero Beach
2012 Sep 11	TCPalm.com (Scripps)	Construction workers find ancient bones while digging in Sebastian
2012 Sep 13	Scripps Treasure Coast	Workers find ancient bones at inlet
2012 Sep 13	Vero Beachside News	Lead Archaeologist Chosen for Re-Excavation of Vero Man Site
2012 Sep 24	TCPalm.com (Scripps)	Excavation at Old Vero Man site could start as early as January
2013 Jan 11	Scripps Treasure Coast	Dig site may be labeled historic
2013 Mar 21	Vero 32963	Vero bone with Ice Age etching is sold to an out-of-state trust
2013 Apr 5	TCPalm.com (Scripps)	Old Vero Man excavation postponed until at least December
2013 Apr 13	Scripps Treasure Coast	Old Vero Man site is 'stunningly important'
2013 Oct 9	TCPalm.com (Scripps)	Excavation at Old Vero Man site in Vero Beach set to start in January
2014 Jan 7	Scripps Treasure Coast	Archaeological dig starts at Site of Old Vero Man
2014 Feb 19	TCPalm online	Russ Lemmon: Billboard on I-95 a Pennsylvania university's way of saying 'thank you' to Vero Beach

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2014 Mar 20	Vero Beach 32963	Excavation at Vero Man site reaches a critical layer
2014 May 13	TCPalm online	Archaeologists thrilled with finds at Old Vero Man site in Vero Beach
2014 May 14	Vero Beach–Indian River Newsweekly	Digging for the truth: The first season of work at the Old Vero Ice Age Site indicates a bright future for discovering the past
2014 May 14	Vero Beach–Indian River Newsweekly	A roadshow for ‘old bones’ – Members of the Old Vero Ice Age Sites Committee help amateur archaeologists with some of their ‘finds’vero
2014 Jun 13	Vero Beach Hometown News	Ice age excavation site closed for the year
2014 Oct 7	TCPalm Online	Melbourne mammoth helps spark lifelong curiosity of the past
2014 Nov 25	Vero Vine (online)	Jurassic Park & Back to the Future: In Vero? Well, YES !
2014 Dec 19	Scripps Media News	Vero archaeological dig unearths bones that surprise scientists
2014 Dec 20	Scripps Treasure Coast	New age of discovery
2015 Jan 29	Vero Beach 32963	“Old Ice Age site may put Vero Beach on World Stage”
2015 Jan 23	Scripps Treasure Coast	Archaeologist to discuss Vero Man findings at lecture
2015 Feb 13	Vero Beach Hometown News	Archeologists Return to Vero Man Site
2015 Mar 20	Scripps Treasure Coast	An eye on history
2015 Apr 15	Scripps Treasure Coast	Ancient bones, artifacts get new home in exhibit
2015 Dec 16	Treasure Coast News	Fla. Atlantic signs on for dig at Old Vero Man Site
2016 Apr 3	Treasure Coast News	Latest Old Vero Man finds date to 10,000 years ago
2016 Apr 11	Luminaries	Old Vero Man partners with HBOI
2016 May 15	New York Times	Discovery of Artifact Shows Human and Mastodons Coexisted in Florida
2016 Aug	Vero Beach Newsweekly	Vero’s Very Significant Past, Unearthed

Folder #2 – Photographs

Many of the photos are downloaded from the Florida State Archives, Florida Memory Project found online at: <http://www.floridamemory.com/Collections/>

- 2-1 Excavations sites along the Main canal near U.S. 1 and Aviation boulevard. Most were downloaded from the Florida Memory Project.
- 2-2 Animal bones found at Vero site from Florida Memory Project
- 2-3 Human bones found at Vero site from Florida Memory Project
- 2-4 *Tapirus Veroensis* – first discovery in North America was found in Vero. Pictures from the Florida Memory Project
- 2-5 Mastodon Bones at Vero Del Mar Hotel downloaded from Florida Memory Project
- 2-6 1945 Vero Man Exhibit in Tallahassee. Last known sighting. Downloaded from Florida Memory Project. Includes partial translation of the signs that were in the display case.
- 2-7 Drawing of Vero Man as depicted by the artist.
- 2-8 Mastodon bone with Louisa Santana. Includes research on locating descendants of Santana. In 1921, Louise Santana visited Mrs. A. W. Young according to an article in the Vero Press. Original picture location is not known.

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- 2-9 "Indian mound on the property of J. R. Pierson – Vero Beach, Florida." Some research included.
- 2-9 Vero Man Sketch, by Dorothy Lockwood – *memo from Rodolph Johnson Apr 4 2015*

Folder #3 – Florida Geological Survey (UF/FGS) Collection – Florida Museum of Natural History

- 3-1 Vertebrate Paleontology Databases (Downloaded Dec 1996) Florida Geological Survey Collection was searched using the parameter 'Vero.' A printed list of 3019 animal bones found at the site is included.
- 3-2 Miscellaneous downloads 1996 & 1998 from the University of Florida Paleontology Collection and Florida State Library Memory project.

Folder #4 – Ales Hrdlicka "Red Notebook" 1918-1919

Original book found in the archives of Smithsonian Institution. Copies were made by Vera Zimmerman, anthropologist and Pam Cooper, April 1996.

- 4-1 Consists of the notes by the head of Smithsonian, Alex Hrdlicka about the size and shape of the Vero Man skull.
- 4-2 Hrdlicka, Ales. [FL. 1918, Red Notebook]. Unpublished raw data. Smithsonian Institution, United States National Museum, [1918] (Available from Natural Anthropological Archives, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560) *Manuscript area*.
- 4-3 Hrdlicka, Ales. [FL. Crania males]. Unpublished raw data. (Available from National Anthropological Archives, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560) 1 page.
- 4-4 16 March 1922, Tabloid Florida History, *Vero Press*; Biography of Ales Hrdlicka originally published in *American Anthropologist*, 46:113-117, 1944; List of citations about Ales Hrdlicka from the *Biography and Genealogy Master Index*

Folder #5 – Elias Howard Sellards 1875-1961 Florida State Geologist

- 5-1. Notes from E. H. Sellard's Field books, archived at the Florida Geological Survey, Tallahassee. Sent to Pam Cooper on January 23, 2006 from Dr. Jeff Mitchem.
- 5-2. Sellard biographical and miscellaneous information.

Folder #6 – Isaac M. Weills (1846?-1927)

- 6-1. Newspaper articles for Weills family (1906-1940)

DATE	NEWSPAPER TITLE	ARTICLE TITLE
1906 Jul 13	St. Lucie County Tribune	S.T. Hughes Dies in St. Augustine (Brother-in-law)
1908 Jul 3	Fort Pierce News	A Floridian weds in Penna.
1908 Aug 14	Fort Pierce News	Marriage of Isaac M. Weills and Nancy J. Hughes
1913 Oct 3	St. Lucie County Tribune	Mr./Mrs. Isaac M. Weills visitors in town
1914 Jan 30	St. Lucie County Tribune	Mr./Mrs. Isaac Weills among many visitors
1914 May 15	Fort Pierce News	County Warrants
1914	I. R. Farmer Vol 2 #5	What they are doing in Vero
1914 May	I. R. Farmer Vol 2 #6	Weills complete extensive repairs
1914 Jun 26	Fort Pierce News	Weills complete extensive repairs
1914 Aug 28	Fort Pierce News	Tax lists
1914 Oct 23	St. Lucie County Tribune	Precinct # 11 – Vero
1915 Feb 10	Harrisburg Telegraph	Teacher is guest of honor

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1915 Feb 19	Fort Pierce News	State geologist studies fossils
1915 Jul 9	Fort Pierce News	I.M. Weills goes on business trip
1915 Aug 6	Fort Pierce News	Mr. Weills improving from operation
1915 Aug 27	Fort Pierce News	Mr./Mrs. Weills return; he has fully recovered
1916 Jan 14	Fort Pierce News	State geologist find first fossilized human bone
1916 Feb 18	St. Lucie County Tribune	State geologist H.E. Sellards
1916 Apr 28	St. Lucie County Tribune	State geologist visits Vero
1916 May 5	St. Lucie County Tribune	Isaac M. Weills 'speaks' in "The People's Forum"
1916 Jun 30	Fort Pierce News	Big scientific group may visit Vero in 1917
1916 Jul 7	St. Lucie County Tribune	Mr./Mrs. Weills visit Fort Pierce
1916 Jul 21	St. Lucie County Tribune	Many prehistoric relics unearthed at Vero
1916 Nov 3	Fort Pierce News	Scientists conclude discovery conference
1917 Mar 23	St. Lucie County Tribune	State geologist to conduct investigation of fossils
1917 Jun 22	St. Lucie County Tribune	Mr. Weills again 'speaks' in "The People's Forum"
1917 Dec 11	St. Lucie County Tribune	Human skeleton of much interest found. . .
1917 Dec 15	The Miami Herald	Vero's latest skeleton
1920 Mar 27	St. Lucie County Tribune	Isaac weills to build tenant house for his help
1923 Feb 15	The Vero Press	Property on Weills-Fultz Rd.
1923 Mar 8	The Vero Press	High School news
1923 Nov 22	The Vero Press	Property owners block operations on Dixie Hwy.
1924 Jun 3	Tampa Sunday Tribune	Eyes of Sci. World turn to discoveries near Vero
1924 Sep 11	The Vero Press	Capitalists/Investors leave Vero with good impression
1925 Feb 12	The Vero Press	High school biology class visits Weills' home
1925 Mar 19	The Vero Press	Morris buys tract from Mrs. Weills
1925 Apr 30	The Vero Press	Scientist from Vienna study fossils
1926 Mar 14	Vero Beach Press Journal	Geologist makes find in main drainage canal
1926 Jul 13	Vero Beach Press Journal	Story of old shipwreck
1927 Feb 11	Vero Beach Press Journal	Notice of master's sale
1927 Sep 2	Vero Beach Press Journal	Death removes devoted friend from community
1927 Sep 27	Vero Beach Press Journal	Mrs. Nancy Weills returns from PA.
1927 Oct 15	Vero Beach Press Journal	Notice to creditors
1929 Jan 4	Vero Beach Press Journal	Mrs. Weills wins in Supreme Court
1929 Jan 4	Vero Beach Press Journal	Notice of Executrix
1930 Dec 12	Vero Beach Press Journal	Miss Elsie Hughs will winter with her aunt
1931 Feb 13	Vero Beach Press Journal	Council orders suits brought
1932 Feb 5	Vero Beach Press Journal	Scientist finds extinct fossils
1932 Jul 22	Vero Beach Press Journal	W.E. Weills, nephew of Mrs. Isaac Weills
1933 Jun 2	Vero Beach Press Journal	Tax lists
1934 Jun 1	Vero Beach Press Journal	Tax lists
1935 May 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	Additional Society
1935 Oct 4	Vero Beach Press Journal	H. S. Athletic Field project is okay
1935 Oct 4	Vero Beach Press Journal	Notice for application for tax deed
1939 Dec 22	Vero Beach Press Journal	Mrs. Nancy Weills dies
1940 Nov 2	Vero Beach Press Journal	Mr./Mrs. L.T. King & family moved to Weills place

- 6-2. Federal census copies of the Weills family 1860-1930
- 6-3. Misc: Family history; United States Patent Office—Device for Cleaning Tubular Articles (1898) designed by Isaac Weills.

Folder #7 – Photocopies of periodical and book articles on Vero Man:

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- 7-1. Briesen, Hans V. *Why Not Know Florida: An Informal Guide for the Motorist*. Jacksonville, FL, 1936. P. 75-76, 187.
- 7-2. Chamberlin, Rollin T. *Further Studies at Vero, Florida*. *Journal of Geology*. 25 (1917): 667-683
- 7-3. Cockrell, W.A. and Larry Murphy. *Pleistocene Man in Florida*. *Archaeology of Eastern North America*. 6 (1978): 1-13
- 7-4. Di Salvo, Anthony. *Ancient Bones, Fossils Found at Vero*. *Miley's Memos*, Fort Pierce, FL, 200?, pp.84.
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Folder #9– Smithsonian Institution Visit in April 1996

- 9-1 Correspondence to 1) Dr. David Hunt, Anthropology Department, Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution; 2) Dr. Mary Rice
- 9-2 Diary of 1996 visit by Vera Zimmerman, Anthropologist and Pam (Hall) Cooper, Supervisor of Archive Center and Genealogy Department, Indian River County Main Library in April.
- 9-3 National Anthropological Archives flyers and information leaflets.
- 9-4 Request and orders from the archives of Smithsonian Institution
- 9-5 1945 photocopy of catalog card about the history of the original skull. The card was found in the Anthropological Lab of the Physical Anthropology Department. The card describes the condition of the original skull and requests to make casts. The skull was acquired from the Florida Geological Survey in 1945. A reexamination of the skull was done in 1946 by T. D. Stewart.

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- 9-6 Printed copies of photographs taken of the reconstructed skull at the Smithsonian. Taken by Vera Zimmerman

Folder #10 – Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL 1996-1997

- 10-1 Correspondence Apr 1996-Mar 1997 – regarding the loan of specimens from the Anthropology department for the Tacachale event.
10-2 Items borrowed for the Tacachale event of April 1997 at the Main Library
10-3 Photographs of Vera Zimmerman and Mark Frank, Collection Manager of Vertebrate Paleontology and Pam (Hall) Cooper.
10-4 Pictures 1996-97 for the Tacachale Event. Includes a 2010 DVD, negatives and thumbnail prints. Pictures are not all identified. They include: 1) Smithsonian 1996; 2) University of Florida Anthropology department; 3) Tacachale Mar-Apr 1997; 4) Display at Riverside Children's Theater; 5) Displays in the genealogy department before the room was altered.

Folder #11 – Tacachale Event March 1-April 5, 1997

- 11-1 Preliminary Exhibit plan, bibliography, timeline
11-2 *Who Was Vero Man?* By Vera Zimmerman, April 1996
11-3 Photographs of displays
11-4 Tacachale brochure March 1 – April 5, 1997

Folder #12 – Miscellaneous Items

- 12-1 Ebay – Jul-Aug, 1999, Selling of fossil shoulder blade and Tapir Tooth Molar.
12-2 All about Atlatis
12-3 Resource Guide from the Archive Center

Folder #13 – Old Vero Ice Age Sites Committee - OVIASC (Formed Jan-Mar 2010)

- 13-1 Letters, meeting notes, etc on the early formation of OVIASC
13-2 Flyers on events, bookmarks, posters, brochures, announcements, bumper sticker

Folder # 14 – Tarzan Park and John H. Chase

- 14-1 Biographical research on Chase includes obituary, census,
14-2 Tarzan Park duplicate copies from Archive Center vertical file. More information can be found in that file.
14-3 Letter to Dugald R. Campbell, grandson to John H. Chase, founder and owner of Tarzan Park (Nov 2009)
14-4 Background information on Jerome J. Foxman, Geologist.

Folder #15 – Mastodon Bone found by James Kennedy – November 2009

- 15-1 Mammoth Image as found by James Kennedy. Suspected to be 13-14,000 years old. Auctioned by Rennick Realtors. Printout from the Rennick Auctions website.
15-2 News articles from other websites – November 2009
15-3 Miscellaneous newspaper articles in reference to James Kennedy finds from 1987-1992.
Vero Beach 32963 online article from March 21, 2013 "Vero bone with Ice Age etching is sold to an out-of-state trust"

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