

## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - FLORIDA**

East Florida Papers - archives of the Second Spanish Administration of East Florida (1784 - 1821). This is not a complete set, yet.

Florida State Genealogical Soc. Pioneer Applications Microfilm copies of all applications of Florida pioneer families who settled in Florida prior to 1845.

The Papers of Pantou & Leslie – Merchants from Scotland who established trading posts throughout the south. They were established in 1783 and headquartered in Pensacola from 1785-1830.

The Papers of Vincente Sebastian Pintado 1829 – second Spanish Florida land grants in Pensacola.

Spanish Land Grants – 5 volumes Confirmed and unconfirmed claims from 1763 to 1821.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - LOCAL**

Bethel Creek House of Refuge – First house on the east coast of Florida in 1875. Personal research done by Pam Cooper.

Capron-Hernandez Trail – Trail was first built by James Gadsden in 1825. Hernandez cut through it again in 1837. Both men ended the trail in Fort Capron in northern St. Lucie County.

Jonathan Dickinson – Shipwrecked on our coast in 1696. Many documents and research material is in the file which continues his journey to Philadelphia.

Fort Vinton & Capt. John Rogers Vinton Letters – A Seminole War fort that was built in 1839 and disbanded in 1858. Personal research materials done by Pam Cooper.

Indian River Colony Settlers 1842-1849 – Due to the Armed Occupation Act of 1842, many settlers came to our area for free land. Research file created by Pam Cooper documenting all families & land patents.

Indian River County Historical Society Collection – Extensive collection of photographs (5000+) and many boxes of original documents and court house record books. Donated July 2005.

Indian River County Library History – Founded in 1915 and moved to three locations. Extensive collection of documents, photos, correspondence, ledgers, scrapbooks and newspaper clippings.

Laura Riding Jackson Collection – A well-known poet who made her home in our county.

Walter A. Siewert Fellsmere Collection – Over 1500 photographs about the founding of the community in 1912 until the mid 1940's. Includes all industries, businesses, homes, real estate documents, etc.

U.S Naval Air Station at Vero Beach – Over 500 photographs and documents not found any where else about this important Night Flight Naval Air training station. Numerous books on the history.

Vero Man – Discovered in 1915 along the banks of the main canal, the human skeleton was dated 10-12,000 years old. Copies of records from the Smithsonian and University of Florida are included.

## **ORAL HISTORY TAPES by Marion Ball**

Atkin, Baldwin, Barnwell, Broxton-Johnson, Cadenhead, Earman, Fink, Gollnick, Gore, Green, Grice, Hallstrom, Hamilton, Hanson, Harms-Nelson, Helseth, Hermann, "Indian River-1981 Interview"-Mark Weinberg-WTTB 1490, Jones (Richard), Jones-Dempsey, Kelso, Knight, Lunsford, Martin, Merrill Barber & Jim Vocelle 1967- on the radio, Mett, Michael- Graves, Mitchell- Cole- Faircloth, Mckee Jungle Gardens (told by David & Mary Fairburn), Charles Nelson, Orchid School (told by Ruth Halstrom), Orth, Poole, Radin (Lunsford), Reams, Redstone, Schlitt, Sheiber, Studer, Sullivan, Thompson, Treadway, Ward, Wimbrun, Young, Zeuch

**CRACKER TALES, INC.** oral history tapes are now a permanent repository in the library. Current collection includes:

1. *Indian River County Black Heritage*
2. *Cracker Tales "An Island In Time"*

**Individuals:** Barbara Sexton Tripson & Jacqueline Sexton Daley; Harry Hurst; Danfort K. Richardson; Joe & Courtney Calhoun; Beverly Michael Graves & Audrey Michael Harbaugh; Alma Lee Loy; Mary Metz Jones; Richard Milton Jones & Don Sembler; Clay Ann Kelly & Elizabeth Wilson; Annie Edwards; Victor Hart, Sr.; Bernice Broxton Johnson; Joe Idlette, Jr.; Dr. Ronald Hudson with Walter M. Jackson

## **VERTICAL FILES**

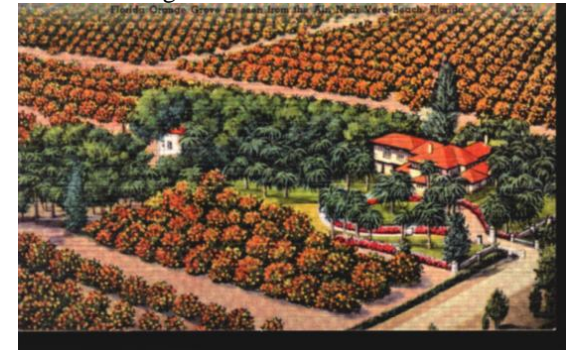
**Indian River County Local History** files are now cataloged. They include hundreds of local family histories and information on buildings, businesses, organizations, and many other subjects about Indian River county.

**Florida History** files include information on all counties. Some include photographs and rare WPA files. (See index on top of file cabinet)

# **THE ARCHIVE CENTER A GUIDE TO FLORIDA AND LOCAL HISTORY**



Looking east on 20<sup>th</sup> Street at 14<sup>th</sup> Ave



Andrews House on corner of 58<sup>th</sup> Ave & Hwy 60

**Indian River County Main Library  
Archive Center & Genealogy Department  
1600 21<sup>st</sup> Street**

**Vero Beach, FL 32960  
(772) 770-5060 x108**

**Email:** pcooper@indian-river.lib.fl.us  
**WebSite:** <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flindian>

## **AFRICAN-AMERICAN**

The African-American Baptist Annual Reports; Papers of Mary McLeod Bethune 1875-1955; The American Missionary Association Archives 1839-1882; Newspapers; Oral History Tapes

## **CENSUS**

- 1830-1930 Census & Indexes
- 1885 Special Census & Index
- 1935 & 1945 State Census (only Indian River County is indexed.)
- Non-Population Census 1850-70

## **CITY DIRECTORIES**

Florida Gazetteer 1907-10, 1918-1925; Crystal River 1978, Daytona Beach 1914-17, 1920-26, 1930, 1932, 1935; Fernandina Beach 1989; Flomaton 1989; Fort Myers 1990; Fort Pierce 1916, 1918, 1920-23, 1927-28, 1931, 1940-46, 1952-1960, 1990, 1991; Gainesville 1991; Haines City 1990, Jacksonville 1882-85, 1888-97, 1899-1910, 1913; Key West 1887-88, 1906-1928; Lakeland 1990; Melbourne 1990; Miami 1904-1918; Niceville 1990; Orlando 1915-1935, 1990; Panama City 1990; Pensacola 1885-1898, 1989, 1991; St. Augustine 1911-1925; St. Cloud 1989; St. Petersburg 1914-1919; Sanford 1990; Tallahassee 1904-1934; Tampa 1899, 1903-1910; Vero Beach 1927-28, 1953, 1955-56, 1958-65, 1967-78, 1980-Present; West Palm Beach- 1915-16, 1918, 1920, 1922-35

## **COURT RECORDS**

An ongoing development of collecting all Florida county courthouse records is currently in effect. The library now owns 36 of 67 county court records.

## **COUNTY HISTORIES**

Special efforts are being made to locate a history for every county in Florida.

## **GENEALOGY SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS**

Over 50 plus newsletters throughout Florida.

## **MAPS & POSTERS**

Florida 1683, 1750, 1822, 1823, 1831, 1833, 1834, 1837, 1840, 1842, 1845, 1846, 1850, 1853, 1855, 1856, 1882 and many more; Sanborn Fire Insurance

Maps; Topographic maps; Florida Posters; Indian River County posters

## **MILITARY RECORDS**

Compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served in the Indian Wars 1835-58; Index to compiled service records of volunteer Union Soldiers; Index to compiled service records of Confederate Soldiers; Compiled service records of Confederate Soldiers; Compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served in the Florida infantry during the War with Spain; Memoir of Reconnaissances with Maps During the Florida Campaign 1854-58; Letters sent, Registers of Letters received 1850-58; Letters sent by the Dept. of Florida and successor commands 1861-69;

## **MISCELLANEOUS GOVERNMENT RECORDS**

Admiralty Final Records of the U.S. District Court for the 7<sup>th</sup> District 1828-1911; Interior Department Appointment Papers 1849-1907; Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Florida 1865-66; Letters Received by the Dept. of Justice from the State of Florida 1871-84; Post Office Department Reports of Site Locations 1837-1950; Record of Appointment of Postmasters 1832-1971

## **NATIVE AMERICAN**

Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs 1824-81; Florida Superintendency 1824-53; Applications for enrollment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes 1898-1914;

## **NEWSPAPERS - LOCAL**

Many of our newspapers have been digitized. This means that they are fully keyword accessible and you search for any subject.

- Vero Beach Press Journal- 1919-Present (microfilm) [Digitized and keyword accessible from 1919-1969]
- Sebastian Sun- 1999-Present (microfilm)
- Mimeo News 1953-56 [Digitized]
- Indian River News 1948-66
- Fellsmere Tribune- 1912-1913, 1916-1921 [Digitized-keyword accessible]
- Florida Star- 1880-1914
- Indian River "Star Advocate"- 1890-1925

## **NEWSPAPERS - FLORIDA**

Florida Evangelist 1900 (African-American); Florida Herald & Southern Democrat 1823-26, 1829-49; The Florida News 1858-60; The Florida Republican 1848-57; Florida Sentinel 1862-63 (African-American); The Floridian 1828-42, 1845-48; The Floridian & Journal 1849-60; Miami Herald- 1988-2000; Pensacola Gazette 1824-33, 1836-1857; Star of Florida 1840-45, Weekly Floridian 1877-1893. Niles Register- 1811-1849 (Not a Florida newspaper, but has many articles about Fl.)

## **PERIODICALS / SERIALS (Selected List)**

Florida Almanac; Florida Architecture; The Florida Genealogist; Florida Handbook; Florida Historical Quarterly; Florida Statistical Abstract; Florida Wildlife; Indian River Life; Tequesta

## **PRE-STATEHOOD RECORDS**

Archives of the Spanish Government of West Florida 1789-1816; Legislative Council Journal 1822-1838; Journal of the Senate & General Assembly 1839-66, 1868-1870; Journal of the House of Representatives, General Assembly & Journal of Assembly 1839-69, 1912; Session Laws 1822-1877; Records of Special Agents for Securing the Florida Archives 1819-35; State Department Territorial Papers 1777-1824; Territorial Papers of the U.S. Senate 1789-1873; Territorial Papers of the U. S. 1821-45.

## **SHIP PASSENGER LISTS**

Apalachicola, Boynton, Boca Grande, Carrabelle, Fernandina, Fort Pierce, Hobe Sound, Lake Worth, Mayport, Millville, Port Inglis, Port St. Joe, St. Andrews & Stuart 1904-1941; Key West 1898-1945; Knights Key 1908-1912; Panama City 1927-1939; Pensacola 1924-1948; St. Petersburg 1926-1941; Tampa 1898-1945

## **VIDEOS**

Judge Platt, Waldo Safari; Taccachale Events (1997); My Grandpa's Scrapbook; Pioneer Memories; More..

## **VITAL RECORD INDEXES**

- Marriage - 1927 - 2001
- Death -1877-2001
- Divorce – 1927- 2001