

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Participants in historical societies throughout Broward have worked toward recapturing our county's heritage to provide an enduring legacy to us all and a lasting tribute to our county's pioneers. A panorama of the societies' varied program of activities and projects is highlighted in the following capsules.

By Marlyn Kemper

BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY (Mary Smith, President)

The Black Historical Society of Broward County hopes to renovate and convert the Clarence Walker Elementary School at 1001 Northwest Fourth Street in Fort Lauderdale into a museum and cultural center. Walker Elementary School, once known as Dillard High, was the first school building for blacks in Fort Lauderdale and was named in honor of principal Clarence Walker, a prominent black educator.

Officers for the coming year are Mary Smith, President; Leonard Gainey, Vice President; Delores Salette, Secretary; and Jack McKenzie, Treasurer.



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BROWARD COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. (Wilma Williams, President)

A number of members from the Broward County Archaeological Society, Inc., attended the thirtieth annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society held in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, on April 1 and April 2, 1978. Wilman Williams gave a paper on "Bishops Hammock, An Ancient Everglades Site." Gypsy Graves made the slides used in the talk.

During the Society's meeting in April, Ellen Jacobs, Vice President of the Institute of Mayan Studies at the Miami Museum of Science, and Professor of Fine Arts at Florida International University, spoke on Mayan art.

Wilma Williams continues to present slide documentaries to groups throughout the county. She recently met with the gifted children at Seminole Middle School and Maureen Dinnen's adult class in Florida history at Broward Community College.

Members of the Archaeological Society are currently excavating a site in western Broward County. The group meets the second Friday of each month at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Seahorse Room at Broward Community College.

Officers of the Broward County Archaeological Society, Inc. include Wilma Williams, President; Sandra Schaps, Secretary; and Norcott Henriquez, Treasurer. Gypsy Graves, Nelson Audy, Rick Friedman, and Mike Mitchell are also on the board.

Marlyn Kemper has authored a number of historical publications including the revised edition of Standard History of the Medical Profession of Philadelphia. She currently serves as Public Information Officer for the Broward County Historical Commission and writes "County History" as a weekly feature of the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel.

NEWS UPDATE

BROWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

(F. K. Walker, Chairman)

County Historian Dr. Cooper Kirk continues to collect documents pertaining to Broward County history and heritage for the Historical Commission's library. Dr. Kirk has just returned from an information-gathering trip to Nashville, Tennessee, and the University of Florida at Gainesville. Dr. Kirk is currently writing a biography on Major William Lauderdale.

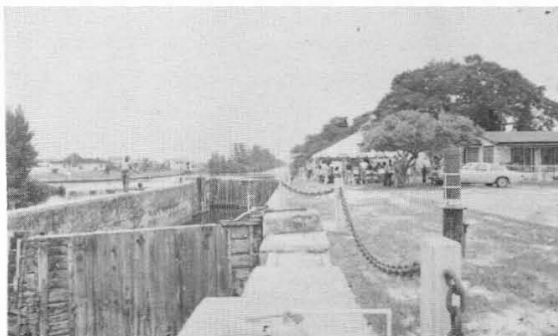
The Historical Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Patsy West as County Curator.

To improve the quality of services provided by the Broward County Historical Commission, the staff has participated in a series of workshops and seminars. Recently, Director Elizabeth Bolge attended the annual seminar on historical administration in Williamsburg, Virginia co-sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Association for State and Local History, and Colonial Williamsburg. Assistant Director Ralph Megna attended a community preservation workshop in Portland, Maine, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

In observance of National Historic Preservation Week, the Commission held a conference on community preservation and building reuse in the Las Olas Room at the Riverside Hotel, 620 East Las Olas

Boulevard, on Saturday, May 13, 1978. The program presented by staff members Elizabeth Bolge and Ralph Megna included a review of past preservation efforts for archaeological, historical, and architectural resources in Broward County; a summary of current projects; and a county overview of the needs and goals of community preservation.

A ceremony commemorating the placement of the North New River Canal Lock Number One on the *National Register of Historic Places* hosted by the Broward County Historical Commission was held on Friday, July 7, 1978 at 6521 West State Road 84. Featured speakers included U.S. Representative Paul G. Rogers; Circuit Judge L. Clayton Nance; County Historian Dr. Cooper Kirk; F. K. Walker, Chairman of the Broward County Historical Commission; Hully Stirling, Chairman of the Broward Memorial Boat Locks Advisory Council of the Historical Commission; civic leader Dr. Charles R. Forman; S. Paul "Jim" Deleo, Mayor of Davie; Virginia Young, Vice Mayor of Fort Lauderdale; Frank Veltri, Mayor of Plantation; and Robert Gawne of the South Florida Water Management District. Now that the North New River Canal Lock Number One has been entered in the *National Register*, plans have been launched to create a historical, recreational, and educational park complex in which the North New River Canal Lock Number One is the core attraction.



The ceremony honoring the placement of North New River Canal Lock No. 1 on the *National Register of Historic Places* was attended by a large number of local officials. Among the



featured speakers were Congressman Paul G. Rogers and Circuit Judge L. Clayton Nance.

CORAL SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Brenda Marinace, President)

Members continue to help the Broward County Parks and Recreation Department refurbish the home of William and Margueritte McLean located in the 91-acre Tradewinds Park. Recently, the Society donated forty plants for the sunporch.

A list of historic sites and structures throughout the community has been compiled by society members for use by municipal officials.

The Historical Society has joined the Coral Springs Cultural Society which is the umbrella

organization for all civic groups in Coral Springs.

The Coral Springs Historical Society is now collecting artifacts and bibliographic materials from Coral Springs' original civic organizations for display in the old police station which also housed the first city hall. This building, which will now be used as a museum facility, was moved by the Coral Springs Landmark Restoration Committee to Mullins Park.

Officers of the Coral Springs Historical Society are Brenda Marinace, President; Mort Stern, First Vice President; Carol McKee, Second Vice President; Arilee Pollard, Secretary; and Wilfred Neale, Treasurer.

DANIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Lillian McMillan, President)

The Dania Historical Society held its annual meeting on May 22, 1978 at the Dania Elementary School cafeteria. During the meeting, Clarke Walden, Verlon Burrell, Luther Sparkman, Foster Cather, Frank Adler, Eugene McCombs, Sparkman Holding, Gene Burgess, Lillian McMillan, Eloise McDuffie, Topsy Sims, Ouida Mozo Kirst, and Jean Cook were elected directors for the coming year. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Jeanette Eby, Clarke Walden, Dixon Thomas, and Foster

Cather, Sr. Honorary membership in the Society was presented to Dania pioneer I. T. Parker.

Dania Historical Society members continue to participate in the campaign to save and restore Dania Elementary School on 301 South Federal Highway. The school, also known as Dania High and South Broward High, was originally built sixty-five years ago and rebuilt after the September, 1926 hurricane. In 1971, ground was broken for a new Dania Elementary School and that year marked the closing of the building. To generate local interest in the project, Society members helped out at the Save Our School booth at Dania Days.

DAVIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. (J. Kenneth King, President)

The Davie Historical Society, Inc. hopes to acquire a museum facility. An oral history continues to be collected. The historical society's mural which

documents Davie's development was created by professional artist Betty Harvey and society members Anna E. Hammer, Barbara McCall, Delores Bobbin, and Ruthie Ostrander for exhibit at *PIONEER DAYS 1977*. It will be donated to the Davie Elementary School.

DEERFIELD BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Rosamund Howe, President)

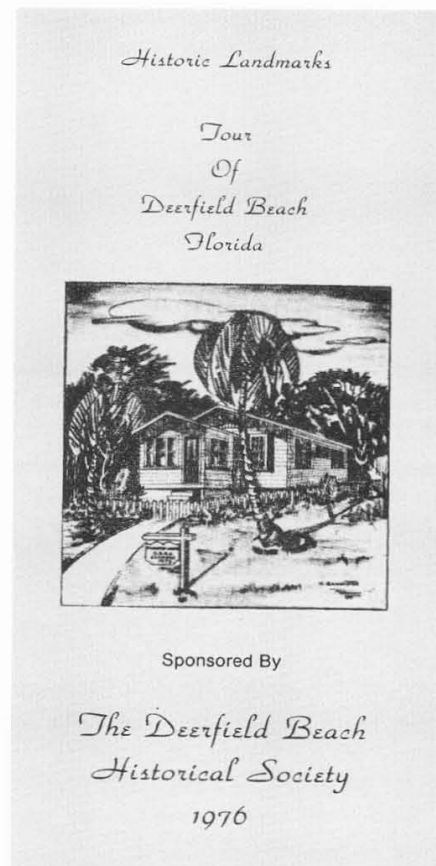
The Deerfield Beach Historical Society has documented historical sites in Deerfield Beach and outlined a "Landmark Tour" of the community in a pamphlet published during the bicentennial year. The pamphlet was printed courtesy of Southeast Bank of Deerfield Beach.

The Deerfield Beach Historical Society conducts guided tours of Pioneer House in Pioneer Park on the first Sunday of every month from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Meetings of the Historical Society are held four times a year in "the old schoolhouse" at 256 Northeast Second Street in Deerfield Beach. At the fifth annual Pioneer Days exposition held on Saturday, October 1, 1977 and Sunday, October 2, 1977, the Deerfield Beach Historical Society was the recipient of the Judge L. Clayton Nance Award "for outstanding performance in restoration and preservation of the Old Deerfield Elementary School." Joanna Dietrich Wanzenberg and Mary Mowry were in charge of the project. The refurbished structure contains an authentic classroom complete with inkwells, blackboard, desks, pictures of World War I heroes, upright piano, memorabilia from the 1920s, and a civic meeting hall with historic exhibits. The schoolhouse, which was built in the 1920s, was also used as a City Hall. A profile of "the old schoolhouse" by Joanna Dietrich Wanzenberg appears in the April 1977 issue of *BROWARD LEGACY*.

Upcoming programs slated for society members include a slide documentary on "Glass Ware" to be presented by Mrs. Warren Tingley of Deerfield Beach on November 30, 1978; a discussion on "Gourmet Tin and Kitchen Tools" to be presented by Mrs. Kenneth

Howe of Deerfield Beach on January 25, 1979; a program on the "Seminole Indians" to be presented by Pat Cunningham on February 22, 1979; and a talk on "Antique Spoons" to be presented by Esther Yardley on March 29, 1979.



FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
(Russell M. Gardner, President)

On March 21, 1978, the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. moved into its new headquarters at 219 Southwest Second Avenue. Research and library facilities are now available for use and a museum gallery will be open in the fall.

"The Idol Dancer," a movie directed and produced by D. W. Griffith and filmed in Fort Lauderdale in 1919, was presented under the auspices of the Society at the Sunrise Branch of the County Library System on January 4 and January 7, 1978.

Dr. Harry A. Kersey, Jr., of Florida Atlantic University, spoke to society members on January 16, 1978, at the Swimming Hall of Fame. Dr. Kersey has authored a number of historical monographs including

Pelts, Plumes and Hides: White Traders Among the Seminole Indians 1870-1930. Prior to Dr. Kersey's presentation, Buck Dawson took Society members on a tour of the Swimming Hall of Fame Museum.

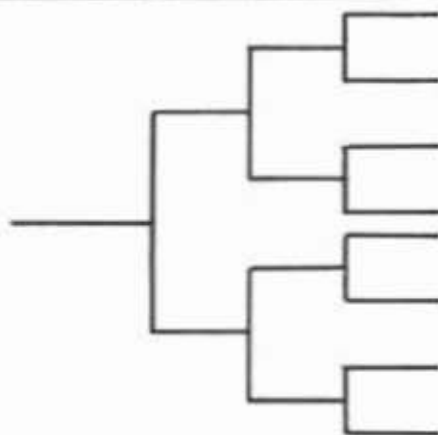
The Society's annual dinner meeting was held on May 18, 1978, at the Holiday Inn Oceanside. Bill Raymond presented a program on "Marine Archaeological Explorations in Local Waters."

Trustees of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. are Russell M. Gardner, N. B. Cheaney, Thomas E. Byrd, William J. Burke, George W. English III, Robert Hittel, Mrs. Irene Kovalcin, Mrs. W. C. Knox, Robert B. Lochrie, Jr., Robert K. Lowry, James W. McLaughlin, and Mrs. George F. Young. Trustees Emeritus of the Fort Lauderdale Society, Inc. are George W. English, Jr., August Burghard, Mrs. A. J. Beck, and Carl P. Weidling, Jr.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC.
(Harry L. Young, Jr., President)

The Genealogical Society of Broward County, Inc. was organized to assist its members in researching, collecting, and preserving genealogical, biographical, and historical data. Members are encouraged to publish their findings.

The Genealogical Society of Broward County, Inc. meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in Room 353, Broward County Courthouse.



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The Old Hallandale Schoolhouse was recently added to the Florida Master Site File, the state's official record of its historical and archaeological resources. It is the oldest known building in Broward County known to have been originally built as a schoolhouse. Since its construction in 1910, the building has also served as a parish house and a meeting hall.

HALLANDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
(Francis M. Searle, President)

Society members plan to restore a schoolhouse, locally referred to as "PBA Hall," as a museum facility. It was built in 1910.

The first book published on the history of Hallandale is now on sale at the Bank of Hallandale and Trust Company, 801 East Hallandale Beach Boulevard; Barnett Hardware, 100 East Hallandale Beach Boulevard; Hallandale Chamber of Commerce, 2100 East Hallandale Beach Boulevard; House of Books in the Diplomat Mall; Hallandale City Hall, 308 South Dixie Highway; and the Hallandale Historical Society at 485-0505. The book, written by Bill McGoun, is 147 pages long and costs \$6.24.

Officers of the Hallandale Historical Society, Inc. are Francis M. Searle, President; Carla Julian, First Vice President; Mrs. Harold Andrews, Second Vice President; Mrs. Bruce Siebenthaler, Treasurer; and Colonel Ray Burrus, Secretary.

HOLLYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Kenneth J. Spry, President)

Society members have launched a campaign to include the Joseph Wesley Young home, at 1055 Hollywood Boulevard, on the *National Register of Historic Places*.

Pat Smith and Micki Aderholt have compiled a montage of 115 historical photographs for exhibits in the Historical Society Room at the Art and Culture Center, 1301 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood.

"Meet the author" parties were held for Don Cuddy on February 5, 1978, at the Art and Culture Center, 1301 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood and on June 17, 1978, at Jaxson's Ice Cream Parlor in Dania. Mr. Cuddy has written *Tales of Old Hollywood*, an anecdotal history. Mr. Cuddy's book is available in three editions (paperback \$5.95; hardcover \$7.95; and

deluxe \$9.95) at Town Drugs, Hillwood Chemists, Post Haste Pharmacy, and Plaza Book Store.

At the Society's annual meeting on April 13, 1978 in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Washington Federal building, 450 North Park Road, Elizabeth S. Bolge and Ralph Megna presented a slide show on Broward's historic buildings and places.

Officers of the Hollywood Historical Society for the coming year are Kenneth J. Spry, President; John Kellner, Vice President; Myrtle Anderson Gray, Treasurer; Pat Smith, Secretary; and Micki Aderholt, Membership Secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kelly, Mildred P. DeLucca, Elizabeth Brightman, Tony and Lamora Mickelson, Mary Hamill, Florence Gassler, Paul R. Manning, Wilma and Joe Williams, Commissioner John Williams, Theresa C. Moon, Lonnie Gray, Floyd Anderson, and the officers will serve on the Board of Directors.

OAKLAND PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Edward Bailey, President)

The sixth annual *PIONEER DAYS* exposition will be presented by the Broward County Historical Commission with the City of Oakland Park and the Port Everglades Authority as co-sponsors. The festival is slated for Saturday, September 30, 1978, and Sunday, October 1, 1978, in building 22-24 at Port Everglades. Oakland Park Historical Society member Midge Turpen is general chairperson.

The Oakland Park Historical Society has moved into its new headquarters at 3867 Northeast Sixth Avenue. The landmark, a house once occupied by the

city's first mayor Joseph Dewey Hawkins and the city's first paid fire chief Edward Bailey, has been remodeled and refurbished by society members and converted into a historical museum. Proceeds from a rummage sale sponsored by the Women's Club of Oakland Park; a \$10,000 grant from the City of Oakland Park; and donations from business clubs and service organizations secured by Society member Dean Yates helped to defray expenses.

Officers of the Oakland Park Historical Society include Edward Bailey, President; Royce Delegal, First Vice President; Rick Kornmeier, Second Vice President; Pat Best, Secretary; and Lillian Weinberg, Treasurer.

PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

(Beverly Grant, President)

On December 12, 1977, the Society received articles of incorporation from Tallahassee which were amended and completed in May 1978. The Society is now officially known as Plantation Historical Society, Inc. and is in a position to receive charitable donations.

The Historical Society was appointed by Mayor Frank Veltri and the city council to coordinate the twenty-fifth birthday celebration of the City of Plantation. The celebration took place on April 28, April 29, and April 30, 1978. During the festivities, a time capsule was placed in the ground under the cornerstone of City Hall. There were also band concerts, pony rides, a puppet show, fire department

equipment displays, old fashioned square dances, and a variety of exhibits prepared by civic organizations. All pioneer residents were honored at a special church service conducted in the Plantation Community Church at 6501 West Broward Boulevard. The Plantation Community Church was the first church in Plantation.

On May 25, 1978, the Society held a meeting at Deicke Auditorium. The following officers were installed for the next two years: Beverly Grant, President; Millie Young, First Vice President; Ginny Allen, Second Vice President; Lois Brickhouse, Secretary; and Elliott Hayden, Treasurer. These officers will also serve on the Board of Directors. Other directors include Genevieve Veltri, Dorothy O'Hare, Clarence Stricklin, Phyllis Napp, and Jean Hanes.

POMPANO BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
(Stewart R. Kester, President)

Society members are currently compiling a list of historic sites and structures for a marker program. Guided tour signs will indicate landmarks throughout the community.

The Society's third annual antique show was held on November 25, November 26, and November 27, 1977, at the Pompano Beach Recreation Center on 1801 Northeast Sixth Street. In addition to Florida collectors, the show featured thirty-eight out of state collectors. Mrs. Henrietta D. McClellan, a member of the Greater Pompano Beach Board of Trade and Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, coordinated the event. A resident of Broward since 1948, Mrs.

McClellan owns Heritage House Antiques and was designated an honoree by the Pompano Beach Historical Society, Inc. at *PIONEER DAYS 1977*.

Last year, two cottages built by Pompano pioneer and civic leader William L. Kester back in the 1930s were moved from their original sites to city donated land in Rustic Park on the Pompano Canal just east of Cypress Road off Atlantic Boulevard. The cottages were donated to the society by William L. Kester's nephews, Stewart and Robert Kester. Plans are underway to refurbish the cottages as museum facilities and stock them with artifacts and furniture of the early days. There will also be exhibits documenting the growth and development of Pompano Beach.

SEMINOLE TRIBAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
(Joe Dan Osceola, President)

The Seminole Tribal Historical Society, Inc. has designated seventy-eight year old Morgan Smith as an honoree for this year's *PIONEER DAYS* festivities.

Mr. Smith, who grew up in the Fort Pierce area and is now living on the reservation at Big Cypress, was one of the founding members of the Seminole Tribal Council which was established in 1957.

WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
(Corrine Brandt, President)

Members continue to collect photographs and compile an oral history of their community.

During the Society's meeting in January at City Hall, plaques were presented to local pioneers.

Officers of the Wilton Manors Historical Society include Corrinne Brandt, President; Pat Miller, First Vice President; Lou Lever, Second Vice President; Alice Sargent, Secretary; and Marsha Stafford, Treasurer. Those serving on the board are Dianne Thompson, Ginny Hagen, Jett Schmelz, Nancy Sawallis, Kathleen Kreitner, and Tinker Connolly.

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NOVA UNIVERSITY
(Dr. Leonard A. Tomasello, Advisor)

Junior historical society members helped publicize the third annual New River Street Dance Festival, a celebration of Fort Lauderdale's 67th birthday, which was held on March 11, 1978, from 5 P.M. to 10 P.M.,

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along the south bank of the New River from Andrews Avenue to Federal Highway. Called the biggest entertainment bargain of the year, the birthday bash was an overwhelming success.

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