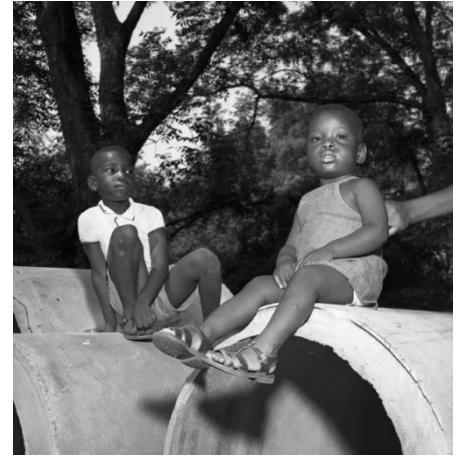
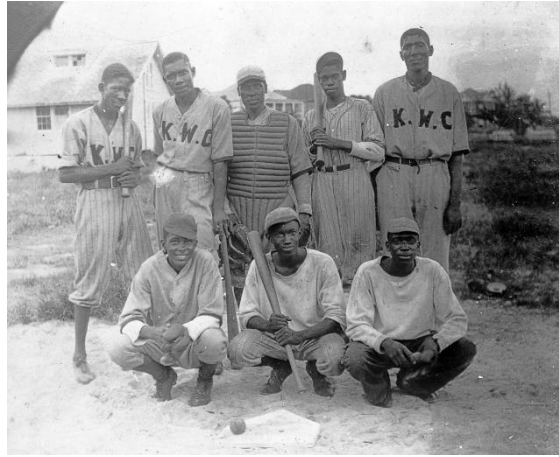


The State Archives of Florida

A Guide to Black History Collections



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Introduction

The State Archives of Florida, under the Florida Department of State, is the official repository for the public records of the state of Florida. The Archives collects, preserves and makes available the permanently valuable records that agencies create or receive in conducting state business.

The intent of this guide is to present an overview of the resources that are available for the study of Black history in the State Archives of Florida. It replaces the 1988 publication and 2002 update of “The Black Experience: A Guide to Afro-American Resources in the Florida State Archives.” This new guide includes an introduction to the State Archives and an updated list of relevant series and collections. We hope that this publication will benefit historians, genealogists, students and other researchers by making those records in the Archives relating to Black history and culture better known, more accessible and easier to use.

Please note that the original terminology used by the creators of records in the State Archives’ collections may be harmful or offensive. That terminology is being retained where necessary to accurately represent the original intentions of the creators and the historical context of the records.

The State Archives collects records in five main areas: State Government Public Records, Manuscript Collection, Florida Photographic Collection, Local Government Public Records and Genealogical Collection.

State Government Records comprise the majority of records within the State Archives. State Government series are received from each branch of Florida’s government – executive, legislative, and judicial – and made accessible to the public in accordance with statutory public records laws, commonly referred to as the “Sunshine Laws.” In this guide, state record series are divided into two groups: the executive branch and the legislative and judicial branches.

Executive branch records listed in this guide are those that are created by the Office of the Governor, the Cabinet and all state agencies and departments. These series include records such as appointment files, meeting minutes, official correspondence, records relating to Florida’s major colleges and universities, photographic records, speeches, territorial records, and many others. Executive branch records cover all subjects of government concern, including segregation, civil rights, Black businesses and leaders, and historically Black communities and colleges.

Legislative and judicial branch records are created by the Florida House of Representatives and Senate and the Supreme Court, courts of appeals and circuit and county courts. These series include the House and Senate session tapes and journals, committee files, memorials and resolutions, Supreme Court case files, and the legislative and judicial records of the territorial period. Subjects covered in these series include the treatment of enslaved and free people of color, civil rights law, land and civil disputes, property division, social and cultural movements, investigative committees and many more.

Many manuscript collections at the State Archives include records such as church membership rosters, baptism and marriage records, Black professional and fraternal organization records, plantation registers and enslavement documentation, and the papers of notable Black figures such as microbiologist Leona Cooper, educator Eunice Liberty and Judge Joseph Lee, a prominent Republican during Reconstruction and in subsequent years. To highlight the lived experiences and perspectives of Black Floridians as told in their own words, the collections included in this section are arranged into three categories: Black Creators and Voices, Non-Black Creators and Hidden Histories.

The Florida Photographic Collection consists of more than 1.5 million still images and thousands of motion picture films and tapes of Florida people, places and events from the middle of the 19th century to the present. This guide describes our best available photographic documentation of the Black experience and Black history and culture in Florida, including family and religious life, business practices, the treatment and experiences of Black individuals during the Civil War and Reconstruction era, political and social activism movements, arts and music, recreation and travel, and formal portraiture. For ease of access, each photographic collection is denoted as representing Black Creators and Voices (BC), Non-Black Creators (NBC), or constituting a Hidden History (HH).

The Local Government Public Records section of this guide describes series collected from city and county government agencies. These series vary widely in scope and contain records such as birth, marriage and death records; tax rolls; trusts, wills and estate appraisements; probate records; administrative files; city ordinances; and many others. These records are especially useful for genealogical research and are organized in this guide by locality of origin.

While the titles listed in this volume represent the State Archives' richest sources of documentation on Black history in Florida, the Archives holds many additional collections not listed here that the enterprising researcher may find useful for Black history research.

The Archives offers reference services for remote and in-person patrons. However, many of the series and collections listed in this guide are on microfilm, which is available to in-person patrons only. If such research is needed, researchers should plan to visit the Archives in person or arrange with a private researcher. Reference staff will provide a list of researchers upon request.

The State Archives of Florida is located in the R.A. Gray Building at 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida. The Reference Room is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and can be reached by phone at 850.245.6719, by email at archives@dos.myflorida.com or on the web at archivesflorida.com.

State Government Records: Executive Branch

The executive branch of Florida's government consists of the governor, the Florida Cabinet and state agencies and departments under the authority of the governor. This section of the guide also lists relevant series from a variety of other state agencies, departments and entities. The records are identified by record group (RG) and then by series number (S____) and are described by series creator, title, dates, quantity, general scope and relevant content.



Mother escorts her two daughters to Orchard Villa School.

RG 100 Office of the Governor

S79

Florida Governor's Commission on the Status of Women

Records, 1974-1985

18 cubic feet

The Governor's Commission on the Status of Women was established in 1964 and activated in 1972. The Commission was involved with such projects as ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, Talent Bank (source referral for employment or appointment of women to high-level positions) and the establishment of local commissions to aid women throughout the state.

This series includes files pertaining to such subjects as minority business development, urban leagues, civil rights and the League of Women Voters, the membership of which includes Black women.



Reverend C. K. Steele (right) and Edwin Norwood (middle) protested segregated seating on Tallahassee city buses in December 1956, almost seven months after the boycott began.

S168

Governor's Conference on Education, Tampa, Fla. Records, 1965-1966

4 cubic feet

The Governor's Conference on Education, created by Governor Haydon Burns, was held February 24-25, 1966 "to provide for thorough-going discussion of Florida's educational program." The conference covered numerous issues and recommendations for Florida's education system and included discussion of the implementation of the Civil Rights Act and school integration.

S226

Florida Governor's Advisory Commission on Race Relations Records, 1957-1961

7.25 cubic feet

The Florida Legislature created the Florida Governor's Advisory Commission on Race Relations in 1957. Popularly known as the Fowler Commission after Chairman Cody Fowler, the commission was intended to study race relations in the state and to help anticipate disturbances of the peace and suppress violence. The series documents school desegregation policies, racial disturbances and civil rights activities and includes a copy of the commission's final report, which centers on school desegregation. There are speeches regarding race relations and commission correspondence with the Commission on Civil Rights, National Urban League, Fair Employment Practices Commission, Urban Renewal Administration, Black Supremacy Cult, the United Nations, the Southern Regional Council and others. Other correspondence documents race relations in Jacksonville, Miami, Tallahassee and other cities around the country.

S2399

Martin Lee Anderson Litigation Case Files, 2003-2006
1.5 cubic feet

Martin Lee Anderson was a 14-year-old Black teenager who died while incarcerated at the Bay County Sheriff's Office Boot Camp in Panama City. Anderson collapsed during a 1.5-mile run at the camp, and security footage later released showed the guards physically abusing Anderson when he fell. This series contains legal records documenting the role of the Governor's Office of General Counsel in litigation with the Department of Juvenile Justice during the death investigation of Anderson. The investigation included a review of policies and practices of the Bay County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Juvenile Justice and the District Fourteen Medical Examiner's Office. Records include correspondence, investigative research and reports, pleadings, trial briefs and various other court documents related to the case.

RG 101 Territorial and State Governors, 1820-1929

S177

Territorial Governors
Correspondence, 1820-1845
1.75 cubic feet

This series contains the extant incoming correspondence of territorial Governors William Pope Duval (1822-1834), John Henry Eaton (1834-1835), Richard Keith Call (1835-1840; 1841-1844), Robert Raymond Reid (1840-1841) and John Branch (1844-1845).

The records include reports, correspondence and receipts regarding enslaved Blacks and free Blacks from 1830-1831. Topics include, but are not limited to, sentencings of slaves convicted of crimes; requests for militia deployments in regard to potential/impending slave revolts; purchases of material supplies by free African Americans on record by shopkeepers; and letters by free Blacks to territorial Governor Duval regarding personal or developing matters.

S664

Governor Broward
Correspondence, 1905-1908
8 cubic feet

This series consists of official correspondence of Napoleon Broward, Florida's 19th governor. Broward is credited with consolidating the state-subsidized higher education institutions into three colleges, including what was then called the Colored Normal School and later became Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The file contains two booklets and correspondence regarding each: "New Plans for the Uplift of a Race" concerns matters of religious and literacy education of Blacks while "The Race Question" argues for Jim Crow era segregation laws against Blacks. The letters recommend that the booklets be read and considered with future policymaking.

S755

Thomas Brown
Correspondence, 1849-1853
1.25 cubic feet

Thomas Brown was Florida's second governor, serving from 1849 to 1853. The series consists of appointments, pardons, correspondence and other related records including information on slavery, military affairs and government relations with Native Americans.

S777

James Emilius Broome Correspondence, 1853-1857
1.25 cubic feet

James Emilius Broome was governor from 1853-1857. The series contains records including information on slavery, military affairs and government relations with Native Americans.

RG 102 Governors, 1929-1971

S131

[William] Haydon Burns
Correspondence, 1965-1967
34 cubic feet

The term of William Haydon Burns, 35th governor, was shortened due to a change in election cycles. During his two-year term, Burns focused primarily on education, reapportionment and highways. He appointed the first Black member of the Board of Regents, Clifton Dyson. This series contains records on such subjects as civil rights, race relations and Florida A&M University.

S204

Doyle Elam Carlton
Correspondence, 1929-1933
46.25 cubic feet

Doyle Elam Carlton served as Florida's 25th governor during one of the most critical peacetime periods in Florida's history. The state faced severe financial problems because of the Great Depression and Florida's dismal economy. The series includes folders on Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, the cotton industry, convict labor and lynching.

S235

Fuller Warren

Correspondence, 1949-1953
52.5 cubic feet

This series consists of the administrative correspondence of Fuller Warren, Florida's 30th governor. During Warren's administration, a Black student named Virgil Hawkins was denied admission to the University of Florida Law School due to his race, and several folders in this series relate to this denial and the Board of Control. This series also includes folders on Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, labor and lynching.

S278

David Sholtz
Correspondence, 1933-1937
60.25 cubic feet

Correspondence of Florida's 26th Governor David Sholtz reflects the effects of the Great Depression on Florida and the governor's determination to alleviate the state's economic crisis. Pertinent subjects concerning Black history include activities of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) relating to racial violence in the state; Black enrollee camps of the Civilian Conservation Corps; Bethune-Cookman College; and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College.

S368

Fredrick Preston Cone
Correspondence, 1937-1941
50.25 cubic feet

Correspondence of 27th Governor Fredrick Preston Cone documents subjects such as Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, lynching and Ku Klux Klan activities in Dade and Hillsborough counties. The series also includes a photograph of Black schoolchildren in Dade County.

S406

Spessard Lindsay Holland
Correspondence, 1941-1945
60.5 cubic feet

Correspondence of 28th Governor Spessard Lindsey Holland includes topics involving the Florida

Agricultural and Mechanical College, labor and race, as well as lynching.

S569

Daniel Thomas McCarty and Acting Governor Charley Eugene Johns Correspondence, 1953-1955
23.5 cubic feet

Governor Daniel Thomas McCarty served only from January to September 1953, dying from complications from two heart attacks he suffered while in office. Senate President Charley Johns then served as acting governor until the inauguration of LeRoy Collins. Official correspondence of Governors McCarty and Johns covers subjects such as civil rights and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

S576

Millard Fillmore Caldwell
Correspondence, 1945-1949
41.75 cubic feet

Correspondence of 29th Governor Millard Fillmore Caldwell includes topics covering Civil Rights, Florida A&M, and lynching. Florida's response to the itinerary of the American Freedom Train (as it traveled throughout the state) is found in this series as well – the traveling exhibit featuring the Emancipation Proclamation, though, included little else promoting Black history.

S756

[Cecil] Farris Bryant
Correspondence, 1961-1965
77.75 cubic feet

Cecil Farris Bryant was Florida's 34th governor and an advocate for segregation. In March 1964, demonstrations broke out in St. Augustine from a movement to desegregate motels and restaurants. The series topics directly related to this event: Attorney General - Segregation Cases, Civil Rights, Labor, Legislative Investigation Committee, Race Relations and the Barnett Commission, as well as St. Augustine and the Special Investigation of St. Johns County. Also includes various other

documentation relating to legal matters and to St. Johns County from 1964.

S776

[Thomas] LeRoy Collins
Correspondence, 1955-1961
74.5 cubic feet

Governor LeRoy Collins entered office as a supporter of segregation but worked to protect and improve race relations and later modified his views. Collins expressed a complicated opinion on the subject in his remarks on the Legislature's 1957 "interposition" resolution which was filed in response to the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* ending school segregation. In a handwritten message addressed to future researchers, Collins declared that while he disagreed with the Court's decision, he believed that noncompliance was not legally in the power of the states. He later became a more vocal supporter of desegregation.

Governor Collins' administration created the Advisory Commission on Race Relations, and their activities are detailed across the series. There are also letters to the governor from such persons and organizations as Roy C. Wilkins, Executive Director of the NAACP; Reverend C.K. Steele, Tallahassee civil rights activist and member of the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC); the Southern Regional Council; the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE); the National Baptist Convention; and the Commission on Race Relations. Documentation on the landmark Florida Supreme Court case *Virgil Hawkins v. The Florida Board of Control* is also included. There is also documentation of the "Leon County Incident" which contains letters demanding justice to prevail in the case of a mass rape of a Black student. The Special Investigation - Lake County records document the case of children denied admittance to a white school because they looked Black. Other files pertaining to Black history are those such as the Commission on Civil Rights, Board of Control, Walter Lee Irving, the Ku Klux Klan, Legislative Investigation Committee, Migrant labor, Florida

A&M University, and various other topics involving Segregation.

S923

Claude Roy Kirk Jr.
Correspondence, 1967-1971
65 cubic feet

Claude Roy Kirk Jr., 36th governor of Florida, was Florida's first elected Republican governor since 1872. In April 1970, when the United States Supreme Court ordered the busing of Manatee County schoolchildren, Kirk ordered the district to disregard the orders. He then suspended the orders twice in the ensuing battle that ended with Kirk relenting and allowing busing to begin. Other subjects covered include civil rights, minority education, race relations, 'racial situations' in both Jacksonville and Tampa Bay, school disturbances, the Palm Beach County Sheriff Department, Education School Crisis, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

S926

Claude Roy Kirk, Jr.
Legal Files, 1967-1971
9 cubic feet

This series consists of transcripts of hearings, reference notes, published reports, meeting agendas and minutes, investigative reports and correspondence documenting the legal activities of the Kirk administration in many areas, including school integration and forced busing.

RG 103 Governor Reubin O'Donovan Askew, 1971-1979

S126

Education Coordinator
Subject Files, 1968-1979
24 cubic feet

This series contains the subject files of Education Coordinators Dr. William Malloy, Dr. Claud Anderson, and Huette Higgs, and special assistant Dr. Marshall Harris. These records relate to major issues concerning education during Governor

Askew's term and include correspondence, reports, budgets and publications. Topics include Black attorneys, Historically Black colleges, the Civil Rights Board, the Civil Rights Commission, the Congressional Black Caucus, Desegregation, Integration, elderly minorities, the NAACP, as well as race relations in schools. Some of the records date from Governor Kirk's administration.

S681

Special Assistant T.J. Rose
Subject Files, 1977-1978
2.5 cubic feet

T.J. Rose was Special Assistant to Governor Askew in the area of human relations. The files contain correspondence and reference materials regarding appointments of Black Floridians to positions in state government, Black organizations, the Department of Commerce, economic development, worker's compensation and the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

S966

Social Services Aid Guy Spearman
Subject Files, 1976-1978
8.50 cubic feet

Social Services Aid Guy Spearman acted as advisor to Governor Askew in matters relating to the Department of Offender Rehabilitation, corrections, prisons, crimes compensation and economic development. The records include correspondence, memoranda, reports and newspaper clippings. The series includes NAACP correspondence and records of the Harlem National Committee on Human Rights.

RG 104 Governor [Daniel] Robert Graham, 1979-1987

S850

Issue Correspondence, 1979-1984
35.75 cubic feet

The series contains incoming correspondence pertaining to major issues faced by the Graham administration, such as the 1980 Miami riots

following the acquittal of Dade County public safety officers in the violent traffic stop death of Arthur McDuffie. The records originated in the governor's Legal and Legislative Affairs offices and the Commission on the Status of Women.

S889

Subject Files Relating to the Miami Riots, 1966-1969, 1980-1981
2 cubic feet

The series contains records regarding the Miami Riots of 1968 and 1980. The 1980 records include population studies of Miami, Dade County Citizens' Committee minutes, investigation files, Federal records on civil rights in Florida and newspaper clippings. The 1969 records include reports and background materials, and newspaper clippings from before, during and after the riots.

S1458

Office of Minority Affairs Administrative Files, 1979-1986
6 cubic feet

The role of the Office of Minority Affairs was to ensure minority access to and participation in state government. The records, documenting affirmative action programs and assistance to minority and small enterprises, include correspondence, memoranda, subject files, reports and photographs.

RG 108 Governor John Ellis "Jeb" Bush, 1999-2007

S1985

Capital Cases Task Force Files, 2000
4.50 cubic feet

This series documents the activities of the Capital Cases Task Force (CCTF) in researching discrimination in the sentencing of defendants in capital cases. The series consists of articles, reports, recommendations, correspondence, expert witness testimony, case law, law reviews, unofficial transcripts of meetings, handwritten notes of unidentified task force members, statistical findings regarding demographics of death row inmates and

the death penalty, a videotape by Temple University Institute on Disabilities, and cassette tape recordings of the CCTF meetings. The series documents topics such as the impact of race on sentencing in capital cases, racial characteristics and prosecutorial discretion.

S2094

Appointees Demographic Statistics, 1999-2005
0.308 megabytes (7 Files)

This series consists of demographic statistics for Governor Bush appointees, indicating number and percentage by race, gender and political party affiliation.

RG 119 Office of the Lieutenant Governor

S1487

Kenneth "Buddy" MacKay
Correspondence, 1990-1999
24.25 cubic feet

The series contains the correspondence of Lt. Governor MacKay covering a variety of governmental issues including abortion, children's issues, economic development, education, environment, housing, transportation and welfare reform, as well as oversight of Executive Branch agencies. The series also includes topics such as Affirmative Action, minority issues, and records related to various investigations of and legislative actions concerning the Rosewood Massacre that occurred in January of 1923. The records associated with Rosewood are mainly newspaper articles collected by the office from various local and national outlets in the 1980s and 1990s.

RG 145 Board of Commissioners of State Institutions

S42

Convict Lease Program Subject Files, 1890-1916
4.5 cubic feet

The series documents the state's administration of the convict leasing system. Under this system, while the state retained custody of them, prisoners could

be leased as laborers to private businesses. Prisoners were commonly leased for labor in the railroad, cotton and turpentine industries. The bulk of the records are from 1913-1915. Included are reports and correspondence concerning convict camp conditions, investigations and prisoner data. Black men comprised as much as 90 percent of the population of Florida's convict lease system by the 1890s.

RG 147 Division of Child Training Schools

S357

Case Files, 1963-1967
37 cubic feet

This series contains case files documenting the services provided to juvenile offenders. The case files include the child's personal background and offense, and may contain correspondence, orders of commitment and applications for admission into a state institution. Children were admitted to the Florida School for Boys in Marianna and Okeechobee and the Florida School for Girls in Ocala and Forest Hills.

S436

Division of Child Training Schools
Subject Files, 1952-1967
13.75 cubic feet

Subject files of the Division of Child Training Schools include operating files, financial records and correspondence relating to operations of the various schools for juvenile offenders. These schools were initially segregated, and some records deal with integration.

RG 150 Department of State

S13

Proclamations and Executive Orders, 1845-1995
38 volumes, 4.50 cubic feet

This series consists of proclamations and executive orders issued by the governor announcing special events, special legislative sessions and special elections. The earlier volumes contain additional

records, including articles of incorporation, election canvass returns, indentures, mortgage and deed statements, and extraditions. This series includes proclamations honoring and recognizing Black individuals and organizations.

S180

Secretary of State Correspondence, 1971-1980
34.5 cubic feet

The series consists of general correspondence, reports and memoranda documenting the work of the Department of State under Secretaries Richard Stone (1969-1974), Bruce Smathers (1975-1978), Jesse McCrary (1978-1979) and George Firestone (1979-1987). Jesse McCrary was Florida's second Black Secretary of State.



Jesse McCrary with Governor Reubin Askew and other cabinet members.

S501

Secretary of State Tom Adams
Subject Files, 1961-1970
39 cubic feet

Secretary of State Tom Adams' subject files contain reports, letters, cabinet agendas and minutes from 1964 to 1966, campaign material, correspondence, memoranda, statements, bills and other legislative and political documentation. The files document the secretary's involvement in Cabinet matters, diplomacy and foreign trade, and the activities of the department's various divisions relating to elections, archives, records management and libraries. The series documents the Bi-Racial committee, the Civil Rights Act, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Hospital,

Voting Rights Act, 1965-1970 and incidents regarding racial unrest.

S697

Secretary of State Tom Adams
Press Files, 1961-1970
12 cubic feet

This series consists of subject files containing speeches, addresses, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, memoranda, reports, photographs, films and audio tapes. Files on civil rights, Black employment, race relations and student demonstrations contain materials of interest.

S2386

Florida Photographic Collection Development Files, 1952-2007, bulk 1980s-1990s
4 cubic feet

This series documents the early creation and operation of the Florida Photographic Collection and program. The records provide information related to the research and implementation of policies and procedures, collection development and maintenance, and outreach activities such as exhibits and digitization. The types of records include correspondence within the Department of State and with donors; indexes and guides for collecting areas; grant application materials; and monthly and annual reports. The files include records created to support photo exhibits produced on "Black History" in 1987 and "African Americans" in 1999.

RG 151 Office of the Secretary of State

S21

Election Returns by County, 1824-1926
26.50 cubic feet, 10 microfilm reels 35 mm

This series contains the returns of national, state, county and military elections. Included are some poll books, voter registration lists and sample ballots. The elections are for county offices (sheriffs, justice of the peace and tax collector), state offices (governor, state legislators), national

offices (president, congressional representatives) and officers for local or home guard units during the Seminole wars, the Civil War and other wars. Also included are returns on referendum votes on laws.

The returns also document the vote counts for Black candidates elected to national, state and county offices. For example, Josiah T. Walls, Florida's first Black Congressman, was three times elected to the United States House of Representatives and twice unseated. In addition, he won election to the Florida House of Representatives in 1868 and to the Florida Senate in 1869. In 1968, Joe Lang Kershaw of Dade County became the first Black person elected to the Florida Legislature since 1889. Gwendolyn Sawyer Cherry became the first Black woman to serve in the Florida Legislature when she was elected from Dade County in 1970.



Representative Gwen Cherry sworn in as the first Black woman in the State Legislature.

S24

Secretary of the Territory and Secretary of State Letterbooks, 1830-1865, 1889-1905, 1922-1926
22 volumes

The series contains the outgoing correspondence of the Secretary of State and predecessor Secretary of the Territory documenting all aspects of the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary of State. Included in this series is the official correspondence of Jonathan C. Gibbs, Florida's first Black Secretary of State from 1868 to 1873.

S98

Voter Registration Rolls, 1867-1868
7 cubic feet, 2 microfilm reels

The series contains the existing voter registration rolls for 1867 to 1868 and is particularly significant as this was the first time Black men were allowed to register to vote in Florida. Most volumes in this series list voter's name, race, time of residence in county and state, native (of what state), naturalization (when, where and how) and date of registration. For most Black Floridians listed in the records, this is the earliest instance of their inclusion by their full name on an official state document.

S222

Acts of the Territorial Legislature and Acts of the Legislature, 1822-2015
1,130 volumes, 62 cubic feet

This series contains the original acts, resolutions and memorials of the Territorial Legislature from 1822 to 1844 and the State Legislature since 1845. The acts from 1822 to 1918 are all handwritten and are often contained in oversized boxes and volumes. Acts from 1919 to the present are typed and bound in numbered volumes. Many of these acts legally conferred or denied rights to the people of Florida, often based on race and/or sex, and some legislated the treatment of enslaved and/or freed Black persons.

S1284

State and County Directories, 1845-1997
65 volumes

This series serves both as a listing of state and county officials and as an index to other volumes containing records of commission issued to individuals who were appointed or elected to state or local government offices. The commissions can be found in Record of Commissions, 1845-1900 (S1285), Record of Commissions for State Appointive Officers, 1898-1964, 1969-1978 (S1286), Record of Commissions for County Appointive Officers, 1901-1951 (S1287), Records

of Commissions for County Elective Officers, 1898-1963, 1969-1978, 1989-2004 (S1288), Record of Commissions for Ad Interim Elective Officers, 1906-1935 (S1289) and Record of Commissions for Senate Confirmed Officers, 1913-1963 (S1290). Gaps in the series occur for the years 1858 to 1861 and 1864 to 1870.

S2000

United States Presidential Election 2000 Vote Count Deadline Extension Correspondence, 2000-2001
14.25 cubic feet

This series contains letters, faxes, printed email transmissions and phone message logs related to the controversial 2000 Presidential Election. The correspondence includes complaints from Florida voters, often expressing support or opposition to the Secretary of State and her decision not to extend the deadline for ballot certification, the process of hand counting contested ballots, or the request for a re-vote in Florida. One folder within the series contains correspondence voicing concerns over racial discrimination in the form of voter disenfranchisement.

S2153

Territorial and Early Statehood Records, 1821-1878
6 cubic feet

This series contains correspondence, petitions, legislative acts, resolutions and committee reports of the Secretaries of State, the territorial and state governors, the general assembly, citizens of Florida and officials of other states. The series consists of nine topic-based subseries. Some records within Subseries 4 deal with abolition, while Subseries 8 consists of 96 items relating to the rights of Black persons between 1824 and 1878, including correspondence, petitions, memorials and copies of bills.

S2321

List of Registered Electors in Leon County, 1874-1876

1 cubic foot

This series consists of several copies of a list of registered electors or voters in Leon County for the General Election in 1874. The Office of the Secretary of State may have produced these lists to distribute among the county's precincts; some are inscribed with community names and numbers including Tuscawilla No. 7, Tallahassee No. 2, Belair No. 6, and Lake Hall No. 8. Used in conjunction with census records, this series would be an invaluable source of information regarding county residents in the Reconstruction era.

RG 154 Division of Archives, History, and Records Management

S538

Black Archives Conference Proceedings, June 1974
2 audio cassette tapes

The Division of Archives, History, and Records Management and Florida International University cosponsored a conference on archives called by Secretary of State Dick Stone to assure Floridians of all backgrounds, beliefs and interests that records of their lives and achievements would be collected, preserved and made available for future generations. This series consists of two cassette recordings of the Black Archives Conference. Featured speakers included Secretary of State Dick Stone; Bobbi Hardwick, Florida International University; Dr. Harold Pinkett, National Archives; Nicholas E. Gaymon, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University; Leroy Thompson, Florida Memorial College; and State Representative Gwendolyn Cherry. No transcripts are available.

RG 155 Division of Historical Resources

S2300

Florida Historical Commission Meeting and Grant Files, 1971-2007
28 cubic feet

This series documents the development and implementation of historic preservation activities of the Historic Preservation Commission (2002-2007)

and its predecessor agencies the Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties Advisory Council (1971-1979) and the Historic Preservation Advisory Council (1983-2001). The series includes agendas, correspondence, minutes, press releases, newspaper clippings, grant rankings and funding recommendations, project proposals, and state and federal grant applications and background materials. The series includes two cubic feet of records detailing the activities of the Study Commission on African-American History in Florida and the Florida Black Heritage Trail and Guidebook.

RG 156 Division of Elections

S12

Death Warrants, 1869-1972, 1992-2012
23.25 cubic feet, 3 volumes

Death warrant files for executions carried out in Florida include correspondence relating to the warrants and executions, transcripts of court testimony, and reports and correspondence to the Clemency Board. In addition, three volumes (1869-1965) contain copies of all the death warrants issued.

S622

Oaths and Bonds, 1845-2014
78.50 cubic feet

The series documents the oaths, bonds, appointments and resignations of state and county government officials in Florida, including some of Florida's first Black public officials. The files contain each official's name, county, date, office, amount of bond and oath.

S708

County Voter Registration Files, 1920, 1952-1972
1 cubic foot

This series documents county voter registration in Florida and includes registration figures for general and primary elections, presidential preferential primaries, special elections and 18-year-old registration statistics. The figures are broken down by party affiliation and racial demographic. The

1920 records are the county registration figures for the primary election.

S1258

Election Return Canvasses, 1865-2004
219 volumes

This series contains national, state and county election canvasses for Florida. The canvasses, conducted to determine the validity of elections, were official examinations of votes and confirmed votes received by each candidate. State and county canvassing boards conducted the canvasses.

S2677

Director's Office Correspondence and Memoranda, 1980-2009, bulk 2001-2008
26 cubic feet

This series contains records that document the administrative duties of the Office of the Director within the Division of Elections. The records provide information about federal and state voting legislation, voter issues, election publicity and outreach programs, electronic voting, election fraud, recounts and various other related topics. The series includes correspondence with the public regarding these topics as well as routine interactions such as voter assistance and registration, candidacy status and voter support or disagreement. Also included are records relating to the Voting Rights Act of 1991 and litigation filed by the NAACP.

RG 158 Florida Folklife Program

S1576

Audio Recordings of Florida Folk Festival Performances and other Folk Events, 1935-2001, 2017, 2019
31.5 gigabytes

This series consists of audio recordings of performances by or interviews with folk musicians, craftpersons, storytellers and folklife interpreters. Most of the recordings document performances by national and local folk personalities at the annual Florida Folk Festival; however, there are also

reproductions of Works Progress Administration (WPA) folklore field recordings from the 1930s and 1940s, including recordings by Zora Neale Hurston. Recordings document such areas as children's lore, foodways, religious traditions, Seminole culture, maritime traditions, ethnic folk culture, material culture and occupational lore. A searchable index is available online through Florida Memory.



Quilter Sally Jones at the 1995 Florida Folk Festival in White Springs.

S1583

Florida Folklife Archive
WPA Federal Writers' Project Florida Folklore Files, 1935-1943
1.50 cubic feet

The Federal Writers' Project, under the Works Progress Administration, was inaugurated September 28, 1935. This series consists of copies of research gathered in the 1930s and 1940s by the Federal Writers' Project of Florida. The transcripts and edited copies of interviews and field notes document a broad range of folklife subjects relating to Florida's Cracker, Black, Cuban, Seminole and Menorcan communities. Topics include beliefs and customs, folk tales and stories, dialects and jargon, agricultural lore, occupational lore, proverbs, songs,

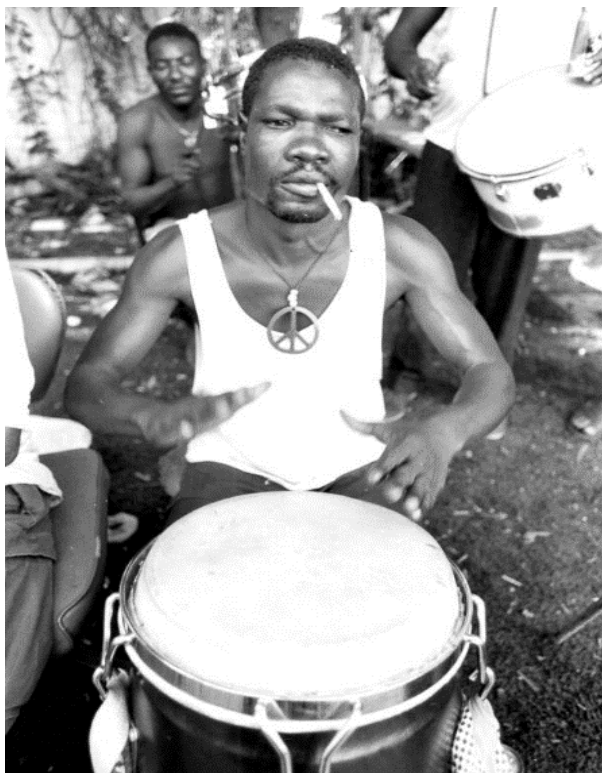
rhymes, cowboy and prison lore, and superstitions. Of special interest are the narratives of formerly enslaved people.

S1585

Florida Folklife Archive

Stetson Kennedy Florida Folklife Collection, 1935-1991

7.25 cubic feet



This series consists of originals and copies of materials created and/or maintained by Stetson Kennedy related to Florida folklife. The series includes WPA subject files, WPA school readers, manuscripts and general subject files. The WPA subject files obtained by Stetson Kennedy when the Federal Writers' Project folded in 1943 include interview transcripts and other field notes of WPA writers. The files document the folk tales, songs and art of many different ethnic and cultural groups found in Florida including Greek, Black, Bahamian, Cuban, Menorcan and Cracker. The general subject files are similar to the WPA subject files, consisting of newspaper clippings, articles, bibliographies, research notes, photographs, etc. covering a wide variety of Florida folklife topics and ethnic groups. The series also includes several manuscripts

prepared by Stetson Kennedy and/or WPA writers (including Zora Neale Hurston) on various Florida-related topics, some of which, such as "Good Neighbors Across the Tracks" (about the Latin population of Key West and Tampa), and "History of the Negro in Florida," were never published.

S1615

Florida Folklife Archive

Video Recordings of Florida Folklife Events, Programs and Television Broadcasts, 1948-1995
393 films and videotapes

This series consists of film and video recordings of performances by, interviews with or documentaries about folk musicians, craftspersons, storytellers, folklife interpreters and various aspects of folklife and folklore in Florida, including Black traditions. Many of the recordings document performances by national and local folk personalities at the annual Florida Folk Festival from 1952 to 1995. Other recordings, including documentaries and shows produced for broadcast television, document other folk festivals and events, folk personalities and traditions, and programs carried out by the Bureau of Florida Folklife Programs, such as Folk Arts in Education activities. These recordings document such areas as children's lore, foodways, religious traditions, maritime traditions, ethnic folk culture, material culture and occupational lore.

Drummer for Haitian Rara band Konbo Guinyn performs with group - Miami, Florida.

S1664

Florida Folklife Archive

Florida Folk Festival Fieldwork and Program Planning and Documentation Files, 1983-1995, 1998, 1999

6 cubic feet

This series contains the records compiled by Folklife Bureau staff in researching and planning for the annual Florida Folk Festival, particularly the folklife areas that provide the theme for each year's festival. Photographs, slides, audio tapes, field notes, informant information sheets and one video tape document fieldwork carried out by Bureau staff, including identifying, contacting and interviewing informants, and inviting selected

informants to participate as demonstrators or performers at the Folk Festival. The series also includes proposals for and overviews of folklife area themes, photographs and slides of events at the Folk Festivals, and drafts of text and proposed photographic illustrations for the program books distributed at each Folk Festival. Folklife themes documented in this series included ethnic celebrations such as the Jewish observance of Purim, Greek Epiphany and Caribbean Carnival; African and Anglo-Celtic traditions in Florida; the folklife of transportation, including customs, music, and crafts associated with saddle making, boat building, wheel making and laying of railroad tracks; and the folklife of Central Florida.

S1679

Florida Folklife Archive
Folklife Workshops Planning and Documentation Files, 1986-1995
0.4 cubic foot

This series contains records generated during the planning of Bureau-sponsored workshops in various folk arts and folklife topics. Workshop proposals, research notes, budget estimates, and publicity and registration materials document plans for workshops in such folk arts as traditional fiddle music and dance, leather whip braiding, white oak basketry, Seminole basketry and patchwork, and duck decoy carving. Also included are summary information and final student project videos for "Documenting Your Community Traditions: African American Community Heritage Documentation Workshop" (1995).

S1693

Florida Folklife Archive.
Duval County Gospel Music Recordings, n.d.
11 items

These tapes, copied from the originals in the collection of Rev. Robert Brown of Jacksonville, contain recordings of gospel music radio programs, group rehearsals and sermons. Most of the recordings were of the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church.

S1697

Florida Folklife Archive
Golden Gospel-Afro American Roots Grant Records, 1985
0.25 cubic foot

The Triumphant Gospel Singers Association of Jacksonville applied for this grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to produce a concert focusing on Black acapella gospel quartet music and "Negro spirituals." The concert was a memorial to Otis Jackson, a gospel song composer, singer, promoter and radio announcer. This series contains a copy of the grant, correspondence, site evaluation and copies of the gospel concert programs. The programs contain biographies of several gospel quartets and groups.

S1702

Florida Folklife Archive
"Drop on Down in Florida" Grant Project Records, 1979-1981
0.25 cubic foot

The "Drop on Down in Florida: Recent Field Recordings of Afro-American Traditional Music" grant project began in 1979. The major goal of the project was to investigate and promote Florida's traditional Black music by producing a record album. Peggy Bulger, Brenda McCallum, Stephen McCallum and Dwight DeVane recorded the music. The project was completed in 1980 and the album was released in 1981. This series contains copies of the grant and the booklet from the "Drop on Down" grant project. The booklet discusses the background of performers and the types of music included on the album.

S1703

Florida Folklife Archive
Little Galilee Baptist Church Gospel Music Fieldnotes, Audio Cassettes, Negatives and Tape Logs, 1988
0.5 cubic foot

This series documents Black gospel music from the Little Galileo Baptist Church in Mayo and includes two audio cassettes of gospel music and spirituals recorded at the church. It also contains tape logs

listing the performers and songs and the photograph and slide log listing the subjects of the photos or slides on the contact sheets.



Margaret Garrison makes sweetgrass baskets.

S1705

Florida Folklife Archive
Traditional Sweetgrass Basket Making and
Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshops Records and
Slides, 1988-1989
0.25 cubic foot

This series contains the registrations, correspondence, slides, photographs, news releases and biographies of teachers of both the Sweetgrass Basket Making Workshop and the Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop held at the Stephen Foster Memorial in 1989. Also included are copies of the information pamphlet and poster. Margaret Garrison of Jacksonville taught the sweetgrass basket making class.

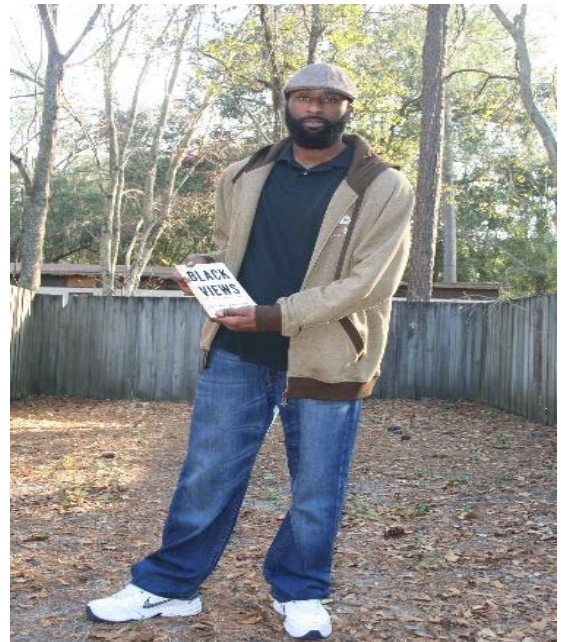
S1709

Florida Folklife Archive
Guy Miles Interview Files and Recordings, 1962-
1993
10 cubic feet, 1,625 items

The series consists of reel-to-reel and cassette tapes of interviews with "talkers," transcripts of some of these tapes, administrative files, correspondence and diaries documenting Guy Miles' efforts to record the authentic "talk" of local individuals and his other activities in the 25 years preceding his death. The series includes several tape indexes created by Guy Miles or his students and by the Bureau of Florida Folklife Programs. The series also includes several indexes to these tapes, including a numerical index of 717 tapes indicating who is recorded and where on the tape they are recorded; a chronological index of all the tapes by date recorded; and an alphabetical name index of all the talkers by first or last name and the tapes on which they are recorded.

S1711

Florida Folklife Archive
Callahan Folk Arts Outreach Project Tapes and
Photographs, 1993



0.1 cubic foot

This series contains audio recordings and photographs generated by fieldwork undertaken to document the folklife of the Callahan neighborhood

of Orlando. Results of the fieldwork were incorporated into the "Folklife of Central Florida" folklife theme area at the 1994 Florida Folk Festival. The tapes and photographs document Black hymn lining and blues, folk tales and children's games.

S1712

Florida Folklife Archive
"Women's Contributions" Seminar Audio Tapes and Logs, 1989
0.33 cubic foot

This series contains 14 audiocassette tapes and supporting materials documenting presentations at a Florida Endowment for the Humanities seminar, "Folk Culture in the South: Women's Contributions," held September 29, 1989, at the Jacksonville Museum of Science and History. The seminar featured presentations by Bureau of Florida Folklife Programs staff and area specialists who discussed the study of folk culture; folk traditions in Florida; women's occupational culture and lore; and the folk culture and lore of Hispanic, Jewish and Black women, including customs, beliefs, family and social relations, folk tales and jokes, and musical traditions and styles. The seminar ended with a discussion with and performance by the Versiteers, a Black quartet-style gospel group. In addition to the tapes, the series includes tape logs providing the names of the presenters and the topics discussed on each tape.

Jamal Jones aka MC Mal holding his father Jamal Abdullah's book, Black Views.

S1714

Florida Folklife Archive
St. Johns River Survey Fieldwork Files and Tapes, 1982-1985
2.5 cubic feet, 73 audio cassettes 39 reel-to-reel tapes

This series consists of files and audio recordings generated by fieldwork undertaken to document the

folklife of the communities surrounding Florida's St. Johns River. The series includes informant information sheets providing name and location of informants and their area(s) of knowledge or skills; field notes providing additional information on informants or on subjects discussed by them; and tape logs listing and describing each performance or subject of discussion on audio tapes of informant interviews, performances or events. Among the subjects discussed are the dance, music, religion and foodways of Mexican Americans; Black music and religion; and life and culture among these and other populations along the river, including fern growing; fishing, netting and trapping; music, including bluegrass, old time gospel, quartet-style gospel, white gospel, country gospel, bluegrass gospel and blues; crafts and skills such as woodworking, quilting and boat making; cattle ranching; and religion and revivalism.

S1723

Florida Folklife Archive
Versiteers Award Ceremony Tapes and Photographs, 1992
0.1 cubic foot, 3 audiocassette tapes

This series consists of audio recordings, photographs and supporting materials documenting a local ceremony held August 21, 1992, in Jacksonville, honoring the Versiteers, a female gospel quartet group and 1992 Florida Folk Heritage Award winners. The ceremony consisted largely of a service at St. James AME Church, including prayers, readings and songs by various clergy and gospel singers and groups, as well as remarks by Florida Folklife Council member Yvonne Tucker and Bureau of Florida Folklife Programs staff member Robert Shanafelt.

S1725

Civil War Recollections of S.M. Hankins, 1861-1865
0.1 cubic foot

This series consists of a 35-page typescript titled "My Recollections of the Confederate War," transcribed from the original "penciled in longhand in an old account ledger." Confederate veteran S.M.

Hankins wrote the recollections, beginning with Florida's secession in 1861 when Hankins was 14 years old. Hankins recalled Floridians' initial reactions to the threat of war; the raising of military units; the shooting of deserters; the wartime treatment of Black persons; Hankins' enlistment at age 16; escorting prisoners to Andersonville; the Battle of Natural Bridge; and other wartime events. There is no indication of when the transcript was made or how it came to be interfiled with miscellaneous administrative files of the Bureau of Florida Folklife Program.

S2044

Sacred Steel Guitar Recording Project 1993-2000, bulk 1993-1997
0.5 cubic foot, 29 audio tapes

The Sacred Steel Guitar Recording Project originated in 1992 when it came to the attention of Florida Folklife Program folklorist Robert Stone that several predominantly Black House of God churches in the St. Petersburg area were using steel guitars in their religious services. Stone convinced the Florida Folklife Program to apply for a grant to conduct fieldwork and create an album of music for public distribution to increase public awareness of the gospel steel guitar tradition and to document it for future generations. This series contains the administrative and research files for the project, including grant applications and reports, budgets and release forms, audio recordings and field notes for the survey. Also included are materials related to the re-release of the album.

S2359

Lower St. Johns River Basin Survey Records, 2012-2013
54.66 gigabytes, 0.25 cubic foot

This series consists of records generated by the Lower St. Johns River Basin Survey conducted to document the history and culture of the area. Among the records are sound recordings of fieldwork interviews, interview logs, photographs, photograph indices and release forms. Interviewees from the region's Hispanic and Black communities contributed oral histories as part of the survey. One of the many topics covered in this survey was the

rap and hip-hop scene in Jacksonville. Jacksonville emcee Jamal Jones was interviewed during the survey and subsequently participated with his apprentices in the Florida Folklife Program's Apprenticeship Program.

S2360

Upper St. Johns River Basin Survey Records, 2012-2014
32.88 gigabytes, 0.50 cubic foot

This series consists of records generated by the Upper St. Johns River Basin Survey conducted to document the history and culture of the area. Among the records are sound recordings of fieldwork interviews, interview logs, photographs, photograph indices and release forms. Topics included in the survey include the migrant farmworker labor movement in Florida and public health concerns among farmworkers. Interviewees from the region's Hispanic and Black communities contributed oral histories as part of the survey.

S2361

St. Johns County Survey Records, 2014-2015
90.49 gigabytes, 0.50 cubic foot

This series consists of records generated by the St. Johns County Survey conducted to document the history and culture of the area. Among the records are sound recordings of fieldwork interviews, interview logs, photographs, photograph indices and release forms. The series includes a report on the historic Black neighborhood of Lincolnville.

S2362

Miami-Dade County Survey Records, 2015-2016
93.61 gigabytes, 0.10 cubic foot

This series consists of records generated by the Miami-Dade County Survey conducted to document the history and culture of the area. Interview participants from Miami's Cuban, Haitian and African American communities contributed oral histories as part of the survey. Among the records are sound recordings of fieldwork interviews, interview logs, photographs, photograph indices, field notes and release forms.

S2385

Gadsden Farm Project Records, 2017-2018
155.15 gigabytes, 0.25 cubic foot

This series consists of records created during the Gadsden Farm Project. The records include notes, plans, depositor agreements and participant information forms as well as digital files consisting of interview questions, photographs, oral history video and audio recordings, and a contact spreadsheet. Topics covered in the interviews include farming practices, changes in the farm economy and race relations in Gadsden County.



Gabriel Brown playing guitar as Rochelle French and Zora Neale Hurston listen in Eatonville.

S2420

Eatonville Oral Interview Tapes, 1996-1997
4 audio tapes

Eatonville, incorporated in 1887, was the first all-Black incorporated town in Florida and the first legally recognized municipality in the United States settled by freedmen. This series consists of audio recordings of interviews with Eatonville residents N.Y. Nathiri, Mike Johnson and Councilmember Theodore Washington. Nathiri, the Executive Director of the Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community Inc., provides considerable information on Eatonville history and her family's history in the town, beginning with her grandfather in the 1930s.

S2702

Eatonville Survey Records, 2001
0.25 cubic foot

This series consists of records and audio recordings generated by the Eatonville Survey conducted through a grant awarded to the town from the Bureau of Historic Preservation to document Eatonville's culture and history. Records include survey reports, informant depositor agreements and fieldwork data sheets.

S2703

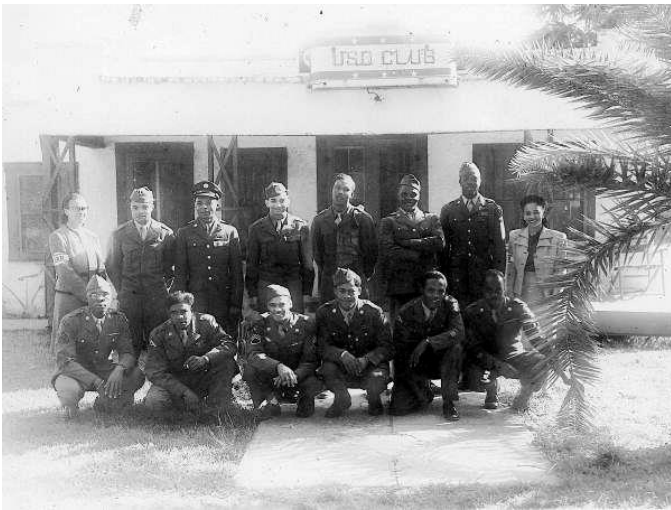
Renaissance Park Living Heritage Festival Video Records, 2001
2 video tapes

This series consists of video recordings generated by the Renaissance Park Living Heritage Festival in Marianna, conducted through a grant awarded to the festival's founder. The festival was established in 1995 to allow attendees the opportunity to "experience hands-on African American culture traditions and folk ways of life in the early 1900's in rural Florida." The grant allowed for the hire of ethnomusicologist and anthropologist Martha Ellen Davis to document Black folklife in Jackson County.

RG 171 Military Department**S1204**

World War I Army Card Roster, 1924
8 cubic feet, 11 microfilm reels

This series consists of a card roster of Floridians who served in the United States Army during World War I from 1917 to 1919. Each soldier has one or two cards giving information on his or her military service, such as name, serial number, residence, place and date of birth, military organizations he served in, rank, engagements he participated in, wounds or injuries received, dates serving overseas, discharge date, percentage disabled and additional remarks. On the microfilm copy, Black veterans are listed separately from white veterans; officers are listed on Roll 11. Roll 10 contains the cards for promotion or reenlistment.



Portrait of the Daytona USO-Black convalescent servicemen.

S1208

Veterans Grave Registration Cards, 1940-1941
0.5 cubic foot, 9 microfilm reels

This series contains a typescript copy of the register of deceased veterans buried in Florida and a microfilm copy of the original note cards used to compile the information. Typescripts list the name, organization, birth and death dates and burial locations of military veterans in each locality. This series is incomplete and does not include typescripts for several counties; however, the microfilmed note cards do include some information for these counties. Note cards contain additional information on veterans, including race and next of kin.

S1344

Summary of Florida Veterans of World War I, 1925
3 volumes

This series contains a summary of the citizens of Florida who served in the U.S. military during World War I. Records list the name, race, service period, branch of service, rank, killed or wounded status and awards earned for each veteran.

S1425

Florida Military Department Historical Records, 1860-1945
2.5 cubic feet

This series contains historical information that illustrates the participation of Florida's Militia, National Guard and private citizens in the wars of the United States. These records include casualty notices, correspondence and statistical reports generated at the Florida Adjutant General's Office and the service departments in Washington, D.C. Much of the correspondence deals with the U.S. Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War I. Material that covers later wars is mostly in the form of official casualty notice releases from either the Office of War Information or the U.S. Department of Defense. The series includes a folder of records related to the Liberty City riots of 1980.

S1433

Veterans' Death Notices, 1942-1960
1 cubic foot

This series consists of cards listing veteran deaths. These cards contain the name of veteran, serial number, last known address, location of death, information of next of kin, date and place of birth, race, date and cause of death, date of burial or disposal or remains, cemetery, branch of service and rank, dates of service, date of discharge, foreign service (if any), and name of funeral director.

RG 172 Adjutant General's Office

S1142

World War I Induction Records of Floridians, 1917-1918
6.5 cubic feet

The series contains lists of men called into service during World War I. The records generally include the race of the inductee, his address and the date of his induction call-up. Some lists include the individual occupations of the inductees and information on whether the individual was ultimately accepted for military service.

S1146

Muster Rolls and Supporting Documents, 1870-1918
10 cubic feet, 6 microfilm reels

This series contains muster rolls and supporting documents of the Florida State Militia, the Florida State Troops and the Florida National Guard. The muster rolls in this series are the only known surviving listings of the Floridians who served in the State Militia, the State Troops and the National Guard during this era. This series includes several rolls for organizations that comprised Black enlisted men and officers.

RG 192 State Planning Board

S1653

Florida Recreational Facilities Survey, 1938
0.25 cubic foot

This series contains the results of a survey of recreational facilities in Florida as executed by the U.S. Work Projects Administration (WPA). The survey indicates the locations and various types of facilities in use at the time, such as golf courses and movie theatres. The survey notes some facilities as segregated by race or sex.

RG 350 State Comptroller

S28

Tax Rolls, 1829-1898
127 cubic feet, 5 volumes

The county tax assessor annually prepared a copy of the tax rolls for the Comptroller and the Territorial Auditor, used for collecting taxes authorized by the Florida Legislature. From 1829 to 1852, only state taxes were entered on the assessment roll.

Beginning in 1853, the rolls provided columns for the calculation of both state and county revenue and by 1869, the breakdown also included revenue allocated for county and state school funds. The early tax records document the number of enslaved Black persons in possession of each taxpayer. The format of these ledgers changed as new comptrollers took office. Generally, the records differentiate whether a taxpayer is a free person of color or white and within a certain taxpaying age range. Later rolls following the Civil War widely list taxes paid by freedmen.

S556

Revenue Records, 1841-1906
1 cubic foot, 3 volumes

The series contains different types of revenue records maintained by the Comptroller's Office documenting the various duties of the Comptroller as collector of revenues. One volume contains the tax records for the freedman common school fund from 1866 to 1868, showing the collection of a poll tax from freedmen.

RG 360 Department of Commerce

S389

Rural Equal Opportunity Program
Records, 1975-1976
2 cubic feet

The Rural Equal Opportunity Program was established in September of 1975 by a grant under the United States Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. The Department of Commerce staffed and jointly administered the program with the Department of Administration. The program's objective was to increase employment opportunities in state agencies for disadvantaged, low income and underemployed rural citizens residing in a 12-county pilot area of Madison, Jefferson, Wakulla, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Gulf, Calhoun, Washington, Walton, Jackson and Holmes counties. The program was terminated in June 1976. The series includes records related to affirmative action.

S422

Office of the Deputy Secretary
Subject Files, 1970-1975
2.5 cubic feet

The series contains correspondence, reports, memoranda and minutes of meetings documenting programs conducted by the Department of Commerce and covering subjects such as minority businesses.

S429

Administrative Files, 1972-1977
13 cubic feet

This series contains files that reflect the administrative functions of the Office of the Secretary and deal with such subjects as personnel, leasing, minority business, equal employment opportunity, the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program (CETA), the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Council of Sponsors and the interpretation of department policy in response to public inquiries. The files contain correspondence, memoranda, reports and other records.

S1516

Small Business Development Program Files, 1984-1986
1 cubic foot

This series documents the activities of the Division of Economic Development and the Division of Tourism and pertains primarily to small and minority business programs operated by the Division of Economic Development. The bulk of the records document the Florida Small Business Development Center program. The records consist of correspondence, reports, minutes and memoranda.

RG 370 Department of Labor and Employment Security

S1896

Diversity Council Records, 1995-1997
0.25 cubic foot

The Diversity Council was formed on February 6, 1995, by Secretary of Labor Douglas Jamerson. It consisted of 15 members selected from all levels of the department and from each of its divisions. The council was responsible for reviewing and recommending administrative services and educational programs addressing issues of discrimination, civil rights, minority business enterprises, access to opportunity and managing diversity. The group also reviewed affirmative action requirements, developed departmental diversity training programs and recommended management strategies for eliminating equal opportunity barriers.

RG 372 Division of Employment Security

S428

Equal Employment Opportunity Office
Administrative Files, 1965-1976
6 cubic feet

The series documents the administration of equal employment opportunity policies and programs for minorities and the investigation of reports of job discrimination in Florida. The records include correspondence, reports, program data and reference materials.

RG 400 Department of Education

S253

Associate Commissioner
Administrative Files, 1956-1971
16.25 cubic feet

This series includes reports, minutes, surveys, correspondence and other records documenting such topics as textbook adoption, school desegregation and the Civil Rights Act.

S255

Division of Administration and Finance
Records, 1940-1971
40.75 cubic feet

This series includes correspondence, agendas, maps, surveys and reports concerning such topics as conferences, transportation, school funding, federal regulations and the Civil Rights Act.

S257

Division of Instruction
Subject Files, 1932-1945, 1968-1971
7.75 cubic feet

This series documents the activities of the deputy commissioner of the Division of Instruction, who oversaw the administration of various programs and acted as a "troubleshooter" for the commissioner. The series includes correspondence, memoranda

and other records relating to topics such as curriculum plans, National Youth Administration, National Education Association, Black high schools and segregation.

S1778

Federal School System Reports, 1925-1970
0.6 cubic foot

This series consists of statistical reports on Florida's public school system compiled by the Florida Department of Education and then submitted to the United States Office of Education. Prior to 1955, there were two set of reports: Combined, "White and Colored" or "White and Negro," and "Colored" or "Negro." Each set recorded personnel statistics, such as number of administrative officers, supervising officers, teachers and pupils; average daily attendance; number of schools; financial statistics, such as income from permanent funds; leases of school lands; salaries of supervisors and teachers; supplies and other expenses; and status of retirement funds. Since 1955, the report was no longer divided by race. The series also contains federal school report instructions and correspondence from 1936 to 1954 between officers of the United States Office of Education and officers of the Department of Education concerning the process of the federal school reports.

RG 401 Florida Public Broadcasting

S1564

Rosewood Claims Bill Hearings Videotapes, 1994
27 items

These videotapes document hearings held in 1994 on House Bill 591, a claims bill for compensation for survivors and their families of the Rosewood incident of 1923. After a young white woman claimed she was assaulted by a Black man who allegedly then fled toward Rosewood, a small, mostly Black community about 40 miles west of Gainesville, a white mob attacked the community, hanged or shot several residents, and burned all its buildings to the ground. The rampage continued for a week, resulting in the deaths of six Black persons

and two whites and the permanent evacuation of all residents of Rosewood.

Witnesses at the hearings included victims and their descendants and experts in psychology and economics. Testimony described the families who lived in Rosewood, the houses and other buildings in the town, the events of January 1, 1923, and the psychological and economic impact of the events on the victims and their families. Also included in the series are videotapes of proceedings of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees regarding the Rosewood claims bill.



Deliberate burning of an African American home, possibly in Rosewood.

S2192

Florida Governmental Affairs Broadcast Audio and Video Recordings, 1976-2003
3,524 audio tapes, 796 video tapes, 146 compact discs

This series includes audio and video recordings of government affairs programs as well as local and statewide news programs broadcast by WFSU. Programs include Florida on the Line, Capital Report, People's Editorial and Florida Crossroads as well as recordings of call-in shows with the governor, inaugurations and openings of the Florida Legislature. These programs cover a myriad of topics relevant to Black history, including the Rosewood Massacre.

RG 402 Commissioner of Education

S249

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Correspondence, 1882-1922
2.25 cubic feet

This series contains the administrative correspondence of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, except for that from William M. Holloway from 1905 to 1913. Correspondence reflects the superintendents' involvement in all matters pertaining to public instruction, such as inspection reports of the State Rural School Inspector, summer school, child training schools, state hospitals and correctional institutions.

S306

Department of Education
Commissioner of Education Floyd T. Christian
County Education Issues Files, 1966-1974
9 cubic feet

This series contains Commissioner of Education Floyd T. Christian's correspondence with the Department of Education, citizens, the county school boards and county superintendents. Some correspondence concerns integration issues, the 1968 teacher walkout and other major education issues.

S1129

Department of Education
Commissioner of Education Floyd T. Christian
Federal Education Programs Files, 1966-1973
5 cubic feet

The series includes correspondence, reports, memoranda, studies and other materials relating to federal education programs such as the National Defense Education Act, the Economic Opportunity Act and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is among the issues covered in this series.

RG 441 Board of Regents, Office of the Chancellor**S829**

Chancellor Robert B. Mautz Equal Educational Opportunity Files, 1973-1974
2 cubic feet

The series contains correspondence, surveys, reports and other materials related to the Equalizing Educational Opportunity in Higher Education Plan. The Board of Regents prepared the plan to put the State University System in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and with the order of the United States District Court, District of Columbia to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, in *Adams v. Weinberger*.

RG 442 State University System of Florida, Vice Chancellors' Offices**S844**

Office of Student Affairs
Reference Files, 1972-1978
18 cubic feet

Reference files of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs include correspondence, memoranda, travel vouchers, purchase orders, supply orders, minutes of meetings, plans and studies. Subjects include desegregation plans, Florida State University's Black Student Union and student organizations.

RG 443 State University System of Florida**S1268**

Office of Equal Educational Opportunity Programs
University Visitations Files, 1983-1986
2 cubic feet

The series contains the files of Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Equal Education Opportunity Programs Delores Auzenne. It consists of correspondence, reports and materials related to the on-site visits to the nine Florida public universities, the recommendations of the EEO Advisory Committee, and the responses from the universities. Also included are the plans and actions taken by each university to enhance affirmative action in employment and educational opportunities for minority students.

RG 452 University of Florida

S1958

Florida State Museum State Park Exhibit Files,
1955-1972
1.25 cubic feet

This series contains records concerning the various sites and exhibits maintained by the Florida State Museum for the Florida Park Service. Most of the records relate to the Kingsley Plantation on Fort George Island. The series also includes some primary source-based historical research relating to the preservation and interpretation of the Kingsley Plantation and other state-owned historical sites.

RG 493 Superintendent of Common Schools for Freedmen

S288

Superintendent of Common Schools for Freedmen Report, 1866
0.25 cubic foot

This series contains the 1866 report of Superintendent E.B. Duncan. The report is a pamphlet that states the activities of the superintendent in educating Florida's freedmen.

RG 496 State Department of Education

S297

Ledgers, 1859-1967
12 Volumes

Bound ledgers of the State Department of Education and its predecessor agency, the Department of Public Instruction, consist of fiscal and administrative materials covering a variety of financial transactions. They document the apportionment of federal and state funds to county school systems and state institutions of higher learning. When separate schools and colleges for white and Black students existed, the financial records list the appropriations as for "White" and "Colored" or "Negro" schools and teachers.

RG 510 Division of Recreation and Parks

S2034

Florida Folk Festival Audio Recordings, 2002-2004, 2006-2017, 2019
1.3 cubic feet, 1392 compact discs, 14.23 gigabytes

This series consists of audio recordings of performances collected by the Florida Park Service from the Florida Folk Festival as well as supporting documentation and release forms. A searchable index to images and sound recordings is available online through Florida Memory.

RG 521 Water Management Districts

S2347

Oral Histories of the Apalachicola River, 2001-2006
2.5 cubic feet

This series consists of the oral histories conducted by the Northwest Florida Water Management District for the book *Voices of the Apalachicola*. The series contains the recordings and transcripts of the interviews, interviewee agreements and correspondence. The oral histories document the lives of people who lived, worked and contributed to the culture of the Apalachicola River and Bay basin, including Edward Tolliver, the first Black mayor of Apalachicola, and Joseph McMillan Sr., a member of the Black community who worked in the railroad and timber industries in the region.

RG 599 Spanish Archives - *Many of the records in this record group are in Spanish.*

S979

East Florida Papers, 1737-1858
175 microfilm reels

The series contains a microfilm copy of the East Florida Papers, the archives of the Spanish administration during its "Second Occupation" of East Florida. Most of the records were created between 1783, when Britain returned possession of Florida to Spain, and 1821, when American authorities took possession of the area as a territory. The papers contain information on the Spanish

government's dealings with the United States and with Mexico; The British trading company Panton, Leslie & Company; prisons; vessels and cargoes; fortifications and defense; and criminal proceedings. Also included are letters to and from the commander of the Colored Militia (1812-1821) and records described by their creators as pertaining to "Negro Titles, Runaways, etc." (1737-1805).

S990

Board of Land Commissioners
Confirmed Spanish Land Grant Claims, 1763-1821
17 cubic feet, 1,806 microfiche, 7 microfilm reels

The series consists of "dossiers" containing papers filed in evidence and confirmed as valid claims before the Board of Land Commissioners. Each land claim with its supporting documents was later encased in a manila jacket on which appears the name of the applicant, the number of acres claimed, and disposition of the claim and page reference to the American State Papers. The supporting documents include petitions or memorials to a governor for land; grants; attestations; plats; deeds of sale, gifts, wills, bequests and exchanges; applications; and translations of Spanish documents. Some files include lists of enslaved persons held. For example, the folder for Antonio Suarez (1807) includes lists of enslaved persons with names, ages and the designations "Negra," "Negro" and "Mulatto."

S991

Board of Land Commissioners
Unconfirmed Spanish Land Grant Claims, 1763-1821
5 cubic feet, 565 microfiche

This series consists of "dossiers" like those in series S990 containing papers filed in evidence but not confirmed as valid claims before the Board of Land Commissioners.

S992

Board of Land Commissioners
Memorials and Concessions, 1786-1821
6 cubic feet, 1,600 microfiche

The series contains memorials or petitions to the governor for confirmation of the petitioner's right to ownership of land under the required conditions set forth by the Spanish government. A number of the petitions are filed by free Black or biracial landowners and many of the petitions, by either these or white petitioners, describe free or enslaved Black and/or biracial persons living on the land in question.

S993

Board of Land Commissioners
Memorials for City Lots in St. Augustine, 1764-1821
1.5 cubic feet, 2 microfilm reels

This series consists of memorials or petitions to the governor for confirmation of city lot ownership in St. Augustine when the United States acquired Florida from Spain. Also included are other documents relating to claims in St. Augustine including deeds to town lots, an index to land, inventory of lots and the Day Docket of the Board of the Land Commissioner. Some records in this series are claims files by Black persons and other people of color.

S995

Minutes and Testimony Taken Before the Board of Land Commissioners for East Florida, 1823-1825
0.5 cubic foot, 1 microfilm reel

This series contains the minutes of Board of Land Commissioners for East Florida from March 29, 1824, to December 20, 1825, and testimony taken before the Board from December 11, 1823, to December 28, 1825. Claims from Spanish landowners sometimes contain information on enslaved persons of color and, less frequently, may come from free persons of color, some of whom also indicate their own enslavement of other persons of color.

S997

Concessions for New Settlers, 1791-1821
0.5 cubic foot, 2 microfilm reels

This series contains land concessions filed with the Board of Land Commissioners as evidence of settlement of lands in East Florida. These concessions were granted by virtue of the Royal Order communicated to the Spanish government on October 29, 1790, and were bestowed from 1791 to 1821 to entice new settlers to move to Florida. This series includes a name index.

S1001

Record Books, 1773-1828
431 microfiche

This series contains the record books of the Board of Land Commissioners for East and West Florida. Records include minutes, registers of claims, copies of grants, concessions, memorials, surveys and decrees. This series also contains copies of royal titles, deeds of mortgage, sales, concessions and judicial tax sales in St. Augustine.

S1022

Protocols, 1804-1819
0.75 cubic foot, 1 microfilm reel

This series contains various Spanish protocols - a summary documents or minutes of meetings verified for accuracy- or legal instruments relating to land claims submitted to the Board of Land Commissioners. Records include wills, deeds, titles, testimony and bills of sale.

S1023

Miscellaneous Spanish Florida Land Records, 1804-1849
1.5 cubic feet, 2 microfilm reels

This series contains several types of land records related to the Spanish land grant claims submitted to the Board of Land Commissioners. Included are documents of private claims of individuals; abstracts of claims to lots in Pensacola and records related to claims in West Florida; descriptive lists; docket of claims; land surveys; and correspondence. Many of these records contain references to enslaved Black and biracial persons or free people of color.

S1232

Surveys of Spanish Land Grants, 1791-1836
0.5 cubic foot, 1 microfilm reel

This series contains the original survey plats of Spanish land grants in East Florida, most dating from 1791 to 1820. The records, consisting of a plat drawing of the land grant and a description of the boundaries, were filed with the Board of Land Commissioners as evidence of petitioner's right to ownership of land under the required conditions set forth by the Spanish government. Plat maps can be used as corroborating documentation in regard to records available in the other series in this record group.

S1235

Memorials and Concessions Not Acted Upon, 1786-1821
0.5 cubic foot, 1 microfilm reel

This series documents those Florida Spanish land claims in East Florida that were not acted upon by the Board of Land Commissioners. Records include memorials and concessions made by the Spanish governor to individuals in Florida, later filed with the Board as evidence of petitioner's right to ownership of land in the territory. Although not legally acted upon, these records contain valuable information about the claims and possessions of Spanish Florida citizens, including enslaved and free people of color.

RG 630 Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

S1849

Agency Head Records, 1993-2009
36.75 cubic feet

This series contains reports, correspondence, reading files, speeches and surveys created by or sent to the secretary or deputy secretary since the creation of this department as an independent agency. Subjects range from general administration to the administration of juvenile justice and its relationship to juvenile corrections. Some records are included from the department's predecessor agency, the Division of Juvenile Justice,

Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, and address the same issues. The series includes records covering Black business associations, the legislative Black conference, minority overrepresentation, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the Black State Legislators Conference, the NAACP, FAMU's Aftercare Program for Juvenile Justice, Racial Profiling, and the Martin Lee Anderson Lawsuit.

African American boys in dining hall at the School for Boys in Marianna, Florida.

S2241

Florida School for Boys
Photographs, ca. 1920s-2010
4.75 cubic feet



This series consists of photographs depicting residents, staff, facilities, programs and activities of the Florida School for Boys, commonly known as the Dozier School for Boys, which was segregated until 1966. Images include boys in classrooms and participating in training and activities relating to sports, music, agriculture, mechanics, etc., as well as interiors and exteriors of campus buildings. The series features photography from the school depicting African American boys tilling with a tractor, African American dormitory and campus scenes, and the African American dining hall.

S2256

Florida School for Boys
Student Ledgers, 1915-2011
32 volumes

This series contains the listing of all juvenile offenders received into the Florida School for Boys, commonly known as the Dozier School for Boys. The ledgers have separate sections for white and Black juveniles and include the name, sex, race, age, birth state, offense, sentence, dates of arrival and release, whether they escaped (date of escape and recapture, if any), prison identification number, and the manner of termination of residence, i.e., end of sentence, pardon, death, etc.

S2323

Florida School for Boys (Okeechobee, Fla.)
Intake and Discharge Ledgers, 1959-1985
7 volumes

This series contains the listing of all juvenile offenders received into and discharged from the Florida School for Boys at Okeechobee. The ledgers include the name, prison identification number, county of residency, number of boys present and dates of arrival or release. The daily ledgers also document escapes, recaptures, furloughs and commitments.

S2324

Florida School for Boys (Okeechobee, Fla.)
Intake and Discharge Ledgers, 1959-1968, 1981-1985
2 volumes

This series contains the listing of all juvenile offenders received into the Florida School for Boys at Okeechobee. The ledgers include the name, sex, race, age, birth state, offense, sentence, dates of arrival and release, whether they escaped (date of escape and recapture if any), prison identification number, and the manner of termination of residence, i.e., end of sentence, pardon, death, etc. The records' creators segregated the ledger entries by race.

RG 650 Department of Legal Affairs

S1790

Florida Commission on the Status of Women
Florida Women's Hall of Fame Nomination Files,
1992-1997

6.25 cubic feet

This series documents the nomination and selection process of candidates for the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. It contains nomination forms, correspondence, letters of recommendation, memoranda, biographies, news clippings and press releases that pertain to each nominee. Black inductees in this period include Carrie P. Meek, Gladys D. Milton, Evelyn Stocking Crosslin and M. Athalie Range.



Evelyn Stocking Crosslin, 1940.

S2021

Florida Commission on the Status of Women Reporting and Issue Files, 1995-2005
10 cubic feet

This series documents issues that the Commission on the Status of Women researched and/or reported on, such as Florida's domestic violence laws, pay equality, elder care and abuse, women's health issues, women's history month and programs and facilities relating to young and teenage girls incarcerated in Florida's juvenile justice system.

This series contains correspondence, memoranda, House and Senate bills and legislative agenda, budget requests, expenditure records, agency reports, program surveys and evaluations, and monthly Commission executive director reports. Box 6 contains articles on Mary McLeod Bethune and Zora Neale Hurston.

S2268

Urban League Grant Program Files, 1988-2007
2.5 cubic feet

This series documents crime prevention programs conducted by the Florida Consortium of Urban League Affiliates under grants administered by the Bureau of Criminal Justice Programs. The series includes agreements between the State of Florida and the consortium under which Urban League agencies provided programs and services aimed toward statewide crime prevention and intervention in general, with an emphasis on reducing violent crime rates within African American communities. The series also includes quarterly and final evaluation reports detailing the programs, activities, progress, outcomes and expenditures under each grant, as well as audit reports and financial statements of the programs and the agencies conducting them.

RG 670 Department of Corrections

S500

Prison Registers, 1875-1959
13 volumes, 2.25 cubic feet, 1 microfilm reel

This listing of all convicts received into the state prison system provides each prisoner's name, sex, race, age, birthdate, birth state, crime, sentence, date of release, prison number and how residence terminated, including end of sentence, pardon, death, etc. Select records from this collection have been digitized and are available on the Florida Memory website.

RG 800 Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services

S1571

Florida Combined Indexes of Marriages, Divorces and Deaths, 1877-1997
4,000 microfiche

This series consists of microfiche copies of the combined indexes to Florida marriage, divorce and death records maintained by the Office of Vital Statistics. The indexes cover marriages from 1927 to 1997; divorces from 1927 to 1942 and 1970-1997; and deaths from 1877 to 1997.

RG 841 Florida State Hospital

S1062

Commitment Records, 1893-1973
321 cubic feet

This series documents the procedure by which persons were committed to the Florida State Hospital and its predecessor, the Florida Hospital for the Insane. The records end in 1973 when the "Baker Act" was passed, eliminating the need for a separate commitment record. Early records contain a copy of the official court record, titled "Insanity. Commitment to Asylum," which includes information such as cause of illness, resulting condition and any correspondence regarding commitment. Later records contain primarily routine court documents, although some correspondence is present.

S1063

Medical Records, 1914-1983
179.50 cubic feet

The series contains medical records of patients who died while hospitalized or were discharged from the Florida State Hospital and its predecessor, the Florida Hospital for the Insane. The post-1938 records are sample cases of selected medical records. The medical records contain charts; admission, furlough and discharge papers; progress notes; and other information pertaining to the patient's hospitalization and treatment. The 1914-1938 files are subdivided into black females, black males, white females and white males.

S1064

Daily Reports, 1918-1979
31 volumes, 0.75 cubic foot

This series contains daily reports of patients at the Florida State Hospital and its predecessor, the Florida Hospital for the Insane. The reports contain a daily statistical accounting of the movement of psychiatric patients, including admissions, discharges, furloughs, escapes and deaths. Statistics are broken down by patient race and sex.

S1068

Federal Census for Public Mental Hospitals Reports, 1933, 1942-1962
1.5 cubic feet

This series contains statistical reports prepared by the Florida State Hospital for submission to the federal government for the Census for Public Mental Hospitals. The 1933 reports contain information such as name, race, sex, date of admission, length of time in hospital and diagnosis for individual patients. The records from 1942 to 1962 are in draft form and do not contain individual names, but rather give statistical counts by age at admission and by several categories of mental health conditions.

S1070

Hospital Reports, 1923-1961
1 cubic foot

This series contains hospital reports from the Florida State Hospital, generated by ward and hospital administrators each month to summarize their activities. Statistics, divided by sex and race, document the number and types of patients and their treatment and care. These reports summarize information submitted on the activities of the general hospital, including the operating room, the X-ray and physiotherapy departments, the tuberculosis hospital, the insulin and electroshock therapy wards, and the ward dressing rooms.



Staff at the Florida State Hospital - Chattahoochee, Florida

S1079

Discharges, 1901-1922

1 cubic foot

This series contains discharge documents for patients at the Florida State Hospital and its predecessor, the Florida Hospital for the Insane. Patients were discharged for various reasons, including transfer to another institution, recovery or release to their home. Discharges contain patient information such as name, race, county of residence, dates of hospital stay and, in some instances, condition of the patient upon discharge.

S2661

Mortician Ledgers and Cemetery Records, 1835-1932

0.5 cubic foot

This series contains photocopies of mortician ledgers and cemetery records compiled in the operation of the Florida State Hospital and its predecessor, the Florida Hospital for the Insane. The mortician ledgers in this series date from 1909 to 1932 and record the names of the deceased, the dates and locations of deaths (some were furloughed patients away from the hospital) and the method of disposition of the remains by the mortician. Some patients were buried on the grounds of the hospital, while others were sent elsewhere in the state for burial. Cemetery records date from 1835 to 1931 and note the plot sections

and grave numbers of the named individuals buried on hospital grounds.

RG 865 Department of Economic Opportunity

S2376

Agency Director Subject Files, 1993-2003, bulk 1999-2001

6.5 cubic feet

This series consists of records created and maintained by the Executive Director's Office within the Department of Economic Opportunity. It primarily consists of correspondence with the department's executive staff, the governor and others regarding corporate and small business development in Florida. The records document the various actions and responsibilities of that office, including administration of state and federal projects, management of public-private partnerships and state agencies, workforce development, and international trade and business cooperation. The series includes records from the Black Business Investment Board, 1998-2000, Black enterprises, from 1999-2000, and minority business from 1999-2000.

RG 891 Florida Commission on Human Relations

S382

Records, 1969-1976

1 cubic foot

Records of the Commission on Human Relations include minutes, agenda, correspondence, program proposals and news releases documenting the Commission's recommendations on civil rights issues, including equal opportunity, race relations, affirmative action and job discrimination. More specifically, the records of the Commission reflect its plans for desegregation in the schools and in public accommodations. Correspondence on the Miami Crisis, or riots, of 1969 includes a review and analysis of the situation. A transcript of the July 1, 1978, meeting, documents Al Featherston, leader of the Black Afro Movement, addressing the Commission on the Miami Crisis about racial

conflicts. Other significant files are those relating to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Key West disturbances and the Fort Pierce investigations.

RG 893 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Hospital

S438

Daily Medication Logs, 1952-1961
12 volumes

The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Hospital operated from 1950 to 1970 as the major health care facility for all Black students, faculty and residents within a 160-mile radius of Tallahassee. It opened in 1911, serving as the sanatorium, student health center and training center for black nurses of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes. This series documents the medications given to patients in general, surgery, the emergency room and obstetrics ward. The volumes list the name of the patient, type of medication, date, time and doctor.

S439

Birth Certificate Receipts, 1948-1958
2 cubic feet

The series consists of receipts for the birth certificates issued by the hospital. The receipts include the date and place of birth, parents' names and occupations, and other birth information as given on the birth certificate. Records for 1948 are incomplete, and no records for 1949 are included.

Nurse Grace Kyler working with polio victims at the FAMU Hospital in Tallahassee.

S440

Hospital Registers, 1943-1967
62 volumes

Hospital registers are of several types including emergency and accidents, delivery room, autopsy reports, recovery room, pediatrics, medical and operating room. Typical form fields found in these records include but are not limited to date, [patient] no., time of arrival, whether an ambulance was used

or not, full name, age, religion, nationality, marital status, occupation, cause of accident, nature of injuries, and treatment.

S441

Death Records, 1953-1967
1 cubic foot, 3 volumes

Records documenting the deaths of hospital patients include original death reports with name, date of death, age and cause of death, and indexed death register volumes.

S442

Administrative Files, 1950-1963
2 cubic feet



This series contains minutes and correspondence documenting topics discussed, decisions made and actions taken at staff meetings and by the Board of Trustees. Also included are subject files and tumor clinic reports.

Expectant mother having her blood pressure taken by a registered nurse in Leon County, Florida.

RG 894 State Board of Health



S904

Midwife Program Files, 1924-1975

5.5 cubic feet

This series documents the Board's midwife licensing program and contains correspondence, reports of legislation, essays on midwifery, midwife manuals and publications, photographs, administration records, licenses and artifacts. There is correspondence on Black midwifery, a speech concerning the licensing of Black midwives, the transcript of a story on midwifery which briefly recounts the practice of a Black midwife, and photographs of Black midwives and their clients.

S1481

Bureau of Narcotics

Applications for Certificate of Registration for Healing Arts, 1928-1955

35 microfilm reels

This series contains applications by physicians, surgeons, osteopaths, chiropractors, naturopaths and midwives for certification and registration to practice the healing arts. Also included are applications for masseurs and chiropodists from 1944-1947 and 1951-1958 and physical therapist applications from 1952-1955. Information on the applications includes full name, business and residential addresses, sex, race, date and place of birth, length of Florida residency, former addresses, county of residence and date of application.

RG 897 State Welfare Board

S871

Historical Files, 1927-1950

0.25 cubic foot

Historical files of the State Welfare Board and its predecessors, the State Board of Social Welfare and the State Board of Public Welfare, include historical information on welfare assistance, social security, child welfare, the Adoption Act of 1943, the organization of the Board and the first biennial report of the State Board of Public Welfare. The files include reports, photographs and newspaper clippings as well as a 1935 "Report on Social Security in Florida" discussing race problems and noting that 36 percent of the state's population was Black. The report also includes photographs documenting inadequate housing for Black Floridians.

RG 1000 State Constitutional Records

S539

Constitution, 1885

1 item

This series contains the 1885 Constitution for the State of Florida as drafted by the Constitutional Convention. This new constitution made segregation of public schools mandatory,

legitimized poll taxes as prerequisites for voting, and prohibited marriage between citizens of different races.

RG 1021 State Census Records

S5

Tenth Census of the State of Florida, 1935
101 cubic feet, 20 microfilm reels

This series contains the original schedule of the 10th Florida state census. The schedule includes the name, address (whether inside or outside city limits), age, sex, race, relation to family, place of birth, degree of education, whether homeowner or renter, and occupation. There is no index to these records.

S1364

Incomplete Fourth Census of the State of Florida [Alachua County only], 1875
1 cubic foot, 1 microfilm reel

This series contains only the Alachua County returns of the fourth Florida state census. The information recorded includes the name, age, sex and race of all persons listed. Some entries include additional information, such as occupation, value of real estate and personal property, number of acres of planted cotton or cane and the number of planted orange trees.

S1371

Eleventh Census of the State of Florida, 1945
64 cubic feet, 43 microfilm reels

This series contains the original schedule for the 11th Florida state census, which includes the name, address (whether inside or outside city limits), age, sex, race, relation to family, place of birth, degree of education, whether homeowner or renter, and occupation. Records for several precincts are not included.

S1373

First Census of the State of Florida, 1845
1 item

This series contains the census returns from the first Florida state census from Alachua, Benton, Columbia, Duval, Gadsden, Hamilton, Hillsborough, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, Marion, Orange, St. Johns, Walton, Wakulla and Washington counties. The enumeration lists the county and name of the census taker, the number of white men over and under 21, the number of white women over and under 18, the number of enslaved Black men and women, and the number of free Black men and women. It does not list names.

S1374

Second Census of the State of Florida, 1855
0.25 cubic foot

This series contains Marion County returns for the second Florida state census, which are the only known existing state census records for 1855. The record includes the name of the head of the family; the number of white males over and under 21; the number of white females over and under 18; the number of children between 5 and 18; the number of children in schools; the number of enslaved Black men and women and their associated monetary value; the number of free Black men and women; the number of acres of and value of land; and the value of buildings, furniture and plantation livestock.

S1375

Third Census of the State of Florida, 1867
1 cubic foot, 1 microfilm reel

This series contains returns from the third Florida state census for Hernando, Madison, Orange and Santa Rosa counties. The series includes total tabulations for the state and miscellaneous record fragments, such as a page listing for the enumeration of Franklin County. There are separate listings for “colored” and white inhabitants, which are further denoted by sex and age.

S1647

Incomplete Fifth Census of the State of Florida

[Leon County only], 1885

2 folders

This series contains only the Leon County returns for the fifth Florida state census. The records contain the name, age, sex and race of those persons enumerated. The enumeration is segregated by race and contains an alphabetical index that lists the names and ages of Black men over the age of 21.

State Government Records: Legislative and Judicial Branches

The following series document the activities and organizations under the Florida House of Representatives and Senate (Legislative) as well as the Supreme Court and lower courts (Judicial). Legislative records cover nearly all possible subjects related to Florida and the concerns of Florida citizens, including race relations, social movements, desegregation and integration, distribution of public resources and countless others. Judicial records largely comprise legal cases and their associated materials, which include, among other topics, cases relating to slavery, the rights and treatment of freed people of color, division of property and businesses, land disputes, civil disputes and discrimination.

The list of series below includes a sampling of those available in the State Archives and is not a complete representation of our holdings within these record groups.



Julian Bond listening with others as Phillip Agnew speaks during rally at the Capitol in Tallahassee.

RG 900 Legislature, Senate, Committees

This record group contains the records of each Senate committee including, but not limited to, agendas, meeting files, bill files and subject files. The Senate committees discuss and solve specific legislative concerns within designated fields of interest, such as Agriculture and Education. The Senate President names committee chairs and members. These records cover a wide range of topics that may be relevant to the experiences of Black Floridians and are best utilized by first determining the appropriate committee and date range for the research topic. For committee records of the House of Representatives, see Record Group 920. For records of joint House and Senate committees, see Record Group 940.

RG 910 Territorial Legislative Council

S876

Unicameral Period Records, 1822-1838
3.75 cubic feet

The first Legislative Council was organized by President James Monroe and the United States Congress in March 1822. This series includes bills, records of the proceedings, depositions, special reports, petitions, memorials and vouchers. These records are incomplete in their documentation of the activities of the council; however, a complete account of the session activities is available in the official published journals.

S877

Bicameral Period Records, 1839-1845
4 cubic feet

The Territorial Legislative Council of Florida was reorganized from one legislative body into two houses, the House of Representatives and the Senate, in 1838. This series includes bills, records of the proceedings, depositions, special reports, petitions, memorials and vouchers. These records are incomplete in their documentation of the activities of the council; however, a complete account of the session activities is available in the official published journals.

S1240

Journal, 1831-1836
1 volume

This series contains a journal of the proceedings of the Territorial Legislative Council from 1831 to 1836. The journal includes transcriptions of floor debates, motions, petitions, resolutions, proposed bills and other business conducted by the unicameral body. This is the only known existing original journal of the council.

RG 915 Legislature

S887

Records, 1845-1911
10 cubic feet

This series documents the activities of the House of Representatives, the Senate and the General Assembly. Records in this series discuss the Florida and Georgia boundary dispute, the Secession Convention, Governor Harrison Reed's impeachment investigation and the governors' messages to the Florida Legislature. Record types include correspondence, bills, resolutions, committee reports and petitions.

RG 920 Legislature, House of Representatives, Committees

This record group contains the records of each House of Representatives committee including, but not limited to, agendas, meeting files, bill files and subject files. The House committees discuss and solve specific legislative concerns within designated fields of interest, such as Appropriations and Military Affairs. The Speaker of the House designates committee chairs and members. These records cover a wide range of topics that may be relevant to the experiences of Black Floridians and are best utilized by first determining the appropriate committee and date range for the subject being researched. For committee records of the Senate, see Record Group 900. For records of joint House and Senate committees, see Record Group 940.

RG 940 Joint Legislative Committees

S20

Special Legislative Committee Files, 1959-2010,
2012-2019

144.75 cubic feet, 6 compact discs, 27 DVDs

This series contains minutes, correspondence, summary reports, studies and journals documenting the work of joint, select and special committees. These records cover a wide range of topics that may be relevant to the experiences of Black Floridians and are best utilized by first determining the appropriate committee and date range for the subject being researched. Records of standing House and Senate committees will likely be of interest as well.

S1486

Florida Legislative Investigation Committee
Records, 1954-1965
19 cubic feet

This series contains administrative files, correspondence, transcripts of testimony, information relating to various organizations under investigation, court cases, newspaper clippings and publications created or compiled by the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee, commonly referred to as the Johns Committee. The committee's original mandate was to "investigate all organizations whose principles or activities include a course of conduct on the part of any person or group which would constitute violence, or a violation of the laws of the state, or would be inimical to the well-being and orderly pursuit of their personal business activities by the majority of the citizens of this state." The records reflect the committee's early intent to investigate communist and subversive organization activity, especially within Florida's state university system, and its later shift in the focus of its investigations to homosexuality. Records include information regarding race relations, the civil rights movement, student peace movements and anti-Castro organizations.

RG 1100 Supreme Court

S49

Case Files, 1825-2013

5,269 cubic feet

This series contains the closed case files of the Supreme Court of Florida and the earlier Territorial Court of Appeals in which an opinion was issued, including Florida Bar cases. Records filed electronically with the Supreme Court after February 26, 2013, are maintained by the Supreme Court and are not included in these case files. Some cases within this series pertain to slavery cases, property disputes, wrongful death cases, discrimination, and segregation as well as other issues of relevance to the experiences of Black Floridians. A few examples include, but are not limited to, *Montgomery v. State*, 1908 – which concerned Black defendants not being allowed other Blacks to serve as jurors in their trial; and *Hawkins v. Board of Control of Florida* – which involved Virgil Hawkins' denied admission to the University of Florida Law School on the basis of race.

S1256

Mandatory Review Death Penalty Case Files, 1873-2016

4,016.5 cubic feet

This series documents criminal appeals for cases involving capital punishment sentences. Records include briefs, motions and other legal instruments; trial transcripts; and the final orders of the court.



11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge Joseph Hatchett being honored during a ceremony in Tallahassee, Florida.

RG 1110 Territorial Court of Appeals

S73

Case Files, 1825-1846

8.5 cubic feet, 10 microfilm reels

This series contains the records presented to the court at the time of appeal and records of decisions rendered in the case. The court did not hear all cases, and there are several cases heard by the court for which no documentation exists in the series.

S985

Minutes, 1825-1845

1 microfilm reel

This series contains a microfilm copy of the court minutes documenting the proceedings and actions taken by the court.

Manuscript Collections

Manuscript collections are unpublished materials created and donated to the State Archives by private individuals and their families or by non-governmental businesses and organizations. The collections described below represent the lives and experiences of Black Floridians, their families and businesses, professional and fraternal organizations, slavery and emancipation, segregation and the civil rights movement, and arts and culture. **Please note that the original terminology used by the creators of these records may at times appear harmful or offensive. That terminology is being retained where necessary to accurately represent the original intentions of the creators and the historical context of the records.**

For ease of access, this guide divides the manuscript collections into three categories: Black Creators and Voices, Non-Black Creators and Hidden Histories.

Black Creators and Voices

The following collections consist of the personal and professional papers of Black individuals and families and Black-owned businesses and organizations, as well as oral histories and interviews with Black professionals, artists, politicians and other influential members of Florida's Black population. Records cover subjects such as church involvement, civil rights activism and segregation, tourism, folklife, history and politics. The collections in this section were created and donated by Black persons or are records in which Black persons relate their experiences in their own words, providing the most unfiltered accounts possible from the State Archives' collections of the Black experience in Florida.

M77-164

Junior League of Tallahassee (Tallahassee, Florida)
Oral Histories, 1976-1977
0.75 cubic foot, 30 cassettes

In 1976 and 1977, the Junior League of Tallahassee conducted a series of oral history interviews with prominent Tallahassee residents, including football coach Alonzo Smith "Jake" Gaither of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and Lettie Proctor Hill of the John Proctor family. This collection contains the oral history recordings and interview transcripts produced as part of that project.

M86- 27

Joseph E. Lee
Papers, 1876-1920
2 cubic feet

Joseph E. Lee was a prominent Black attorney, federal officeholder and Republican Party official from Jacksonville, Florida. The papers in this collection document his tenure as Deputy Collector of Customs and Deputy Collector for Internal Revenue, his association with the Florida

Republican Party and his legal and personal affairs. Political papers include correspondence, minutes of Republican State Conventions, resolutions and delegate rolls. Collector of Customs and Collector of Internal Revenue papers contain correspondence, receipts and schedules. Legal papers document his Duval County law practice.

M95-2

Daniel M. Williams
Biographical Records on Mary McLeod Bethune,
1890-1960
1.25 cubic feet

This collection consists of records documenting the life of Mary McLeod Bethune, including transcripts of interviews with Bethune, letters, and drafts of sections of Daniel Mortimer Williams' planned biography. The records document the Daytona School and Bethune-Cookman College, as well as Bethune's involvement with the National Council for Negro Women. The collection includes a transcript of an interview conducted in about 1940 by Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson, an authority on race relations who chaired the Sociology Department and was later the first Black president



Administrator of Bethune-Cookman College with WWII vet and students.

at historically Black Fisk University. Also included are 30 photographs that depict Bethune, her Daytona Beach schools and Bethune Cookman College.

M95-3

Eunice Liberty
Papers, 1967-1995
2 cubic feet

Eunice Liberty (1904-2001) was a teacher with Miami-Dade Public Schools for nearly 40 years and successfully advocated for the inclusion of Black history in the school curriculum after she retired. She served on the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and was a proponent of educational reform, campaigning for schools and a multi-cultural children's community center in honor of Mary McLeod Bethune.

This collection contains correspondence, articles and speeches, newspaper clippings, programs and background materials on the NCNW, photographs and other records relating to Eunice Liberty from 1967 to 1995. Some records relate to her efforts to establish the children's community center and her successful campaign to establish a Black Archives in Miami.

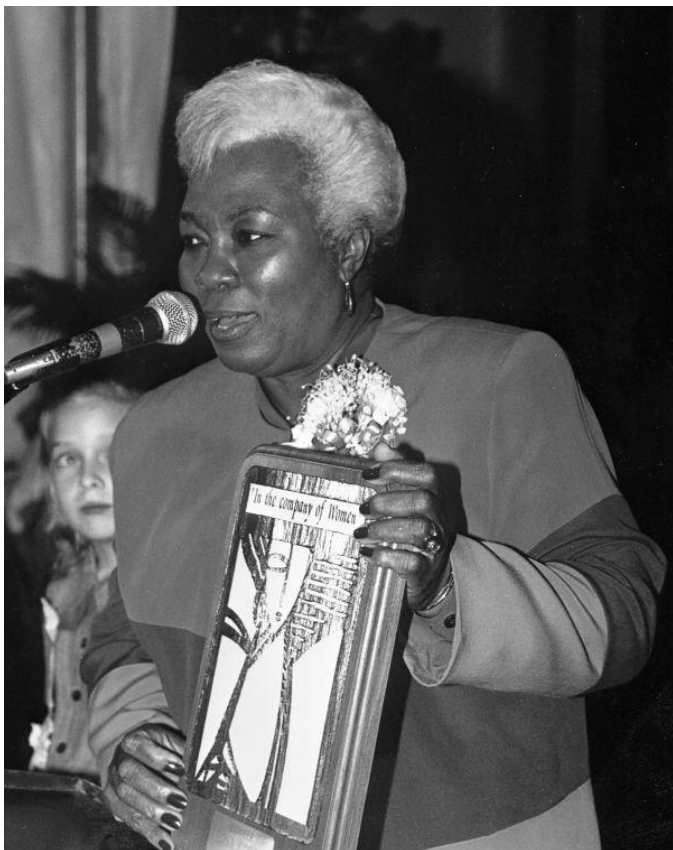


Young student at typewriter

M96-24

Leona H. Cooper
Papers, 1948-1996
2 cubic feet

Leona Cooper (née Ferguson), a microbiologist and Bahamian native, was very involved in the Catholic Church and was a major advocate for Black Catholics and various social issues. This collection includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, publicity materials and other materials documenting her activities and interests. Subjects within the collection include the St. Martin De Porres Association and Black Christians in the Catholic Church; women in the Catholic Church; the Archdiocese of Miami; defending the rights of Haitian immigrants and Haitian nationals; the visit of Pope John Paul II to America in 1987; and City of Coral Gables and Dade County government and business.



Leona Helen Ferguson Cooper - recipient of "In the Company of Women" award.

M97- 21

WLRN (Radio Station: Miami, Florida)
 "Straight Talk With Audrey Finkelstein" Civil
 Rights Radio Series Audio Cassettes, 1997
 7 audio tapes, 7 compact discs

In 1997, public radio stations around the United States aired "Will the Circle be Unbroken?" a nationally syndicated series about the American civil rights movement. To complement this series, host Audrey Finkelstein of WLRN, a South Florida public radio station, developed a six-part series about South Florida's struggle for desegregation for her weekly half-hour interview program. This collection comprises seven audiocassette recordings featuring conversations with some of the individuals, Black and white, who took part in South Florida's struggle for racial integration.

M98-5

Dr. Patricia Clements

Oral History Interviews, 1997-1998

8 compact discs

This collection consists of oral history interviews conducted by Dr. Patricia Clements with Florida women active in public life and/or community affairs, including Black microbiologist and Catholic Church and community activist, Leona Cooper. The interviews discuss each woman's family background, education, careers, home life and personal philosophies.

N2000-25

Coral Gables Cable TV Division

Coral Gables Oral History Interviews, 2000

2 items (1/2" videotapes)

This collection consists of videotaped oral history interviews with long-time Coral Gables residents and city officials, produced by the City of Coral Gables Cable Television Division to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the city's incorporation. Topics addressed include life in early Coral Gables, economic development, segregation, the Civil Rights Movement, and women's rights movements.

N2008-6

James Stoutamire

Wakulla Springs Boat Tour Recording, 1969

1 compact disc (10.7 megabytes)

Tom Gavin, Jr. worked as a boat driver and tour guide at Wakulla Springs. His family worked at the park back to the early 1900s. Gavin is credited with creating the story of "Henry the Pole-Vaulting Fish," a tale and song invented to accompany particular fish sightings along the glass-bottom boat tours. This recording of one of Gavin's glass bottom boat tours was made in December 1969 by graduate student Jim Stoutamire for a linguistics course at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

N2011-4

Roger S. Crawford

Wakulla Springs Boat Tour Recording, 1971

1 compact disc

Luke "Old Lou" Smith served as a boat driver and guide at Wakulla Springs for more than 30 years, ferrying visitors along the river in glass-bottom boats. Smith's tours were characterized by trivia and jokes, interspersed with singing. This is a sound recording of "Old Lou" conducting a glass bottom and jungle boat tour in April 1971, recorded by Roger Crawford for the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce.

N2012-12

Christian Hospital Papers, 1920-1994

0.1 cubic foot

Bonnie M. Busch established Christian Hospital in 1918 after the city-owned Jackson Memorial Hospital refused to treat a Black maid in her employ. Busch donated \$5,000 and five acres of land to start a hospital that served the Black residents of Miami and the Overtown community until it closed in 1982. The collection documents the history of Christian Hospital and Black physicians in Miami-Dade County. Records include news articles, hospital literature, photographs, a 1994 reunion souvenir book and a historical summary of the hospital.

N2013-3

John Gilmore Riley Foundation Inc.

John G. Riley House & Museum Papers, 1979-1987

0.4 cubic foot

This collection documents the establishment and activities of the John Gilmore Riley Foundation, particularly the Foundation's efforts to preserve the John G. Riley House and develop it as a museum and research center. The collection includes bylaws; articles of incorporation; Riley House property transfer and ownership records; insurance and financial records; applications for historical status of the house; and early publicity materials for the John G. Riley House & Museum.

N2014-2

Shack Madison Gardner

General Store Ledgers, circa 1903-1908, 1915-1917, 1921

3 volumes, 1 photograph

This collection consists of three ledger books from the Gardners' General Store in Barrow Hill in east Leon County. The ledgers document purchases and accounts from 1903 through 1921 and include dates of sale, customer names, purchased items, costs and payments received. An index is located at the beginning of each ledger. The ledgers are evidence of economic conditions of a Black businessperson in the early 20th century.

Shack Gardner and wife, Rose, along with several unidentified family members.

N2015-1

Patricia Stephens Due

Papers, circa 1946-2011



14.25 cubic feet

Patricia Stephens picketing at downtown Tallahassee businesses.

Patricia Stephens Due was a Black educator, public speaker, author and life-long civil rights proponent. This collection documents the personal life and public activities of Patricia Stephens Due and her relationships with family and friends throughout her life. Most prominent in the collection are letters between Due and her sister, brother, parents and other family members, friends, fellow civil rights activists, and supporters and opponents of her civil rights efforts.

N2015-7

Bernyce Hall Clausell

Clausell Family Papers, 1932-2015

8 cubic feet

Reverend Dr. Bernyce Clausell was the first female minister in Florida, a civil rights activist and co-founder of Calvary Baptist Church in Tallahassee with her husband, James. This collection documents the public life and activities of Reverend Clausell and contains her personal files, home videos, day planners and materials commemorating her career. The collection also includes programs and minutes from the First Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Association and many of James Clausell's sermons from the 1930s-40s given at churches in North Florida and South Georgia.

N2016-2

John G. Riley

Masonic Charters, 1902, 1908, 1946, 1974

4 items

The collection contains the original Masonic charter issued to John G. Riley on February 15, 1902, that validates his election as the first Excellent High Priest of St. James Chapter Number 26. Also included are a second charter establishing the Venus Court No. 65 of the Heroines of Jericho in 1908, and two Letters Patent of Perpetual Constitution which established the John G. Riley Consistory, No. 207, in 1946 and reorganized it in 1974.

N2016-6

Peter B. Gallagher

Seminole Tribe and Florida Folk Festival

Promotional Video Recordings, circa 1990s

37 video tapes

The collection consists of video recordings documenting Seminole, Black and Latino/Latina history and traditions and Florida Folk Festival performers. Of relevance are recordings of the Cracker Trio, comprised of jazz and blues musicians Tommy Walton, Blind Willie James and Diamond Teeth Mary McClain; Afro-Brazilian folksinger Angela Patua; poet and storyteller Ajamu Mutima; artist and Yoruba folklorist Onabamiero Osunlade Ogunleye; and Haitian storyteller,

herbalist and cooking instructor Liliane Nerette Louis.

N2017-66

Tony Proctor Papers, 1847-1848, 1855

0.25 cubic foot

Antonio "Tony" Proctor (ca. 1743-1855) served as an interpreter between the United States government and Seminole tribes in the 1820s. He was enslaved at birth in Jamaica and brought to America to serve as a body servant to an English officer in the Seven Years War, serving in this position again during the American Revolution. After finishing his service, Proctor settled in St. Augustine and purchased his freedom. He continued his military service under General Andrew Jackson during the Seminole Wars and other conflicts, remaining in Florida until his death at the approximate age of 112 years. This collection consists of copies of records documenting Proctor's service as an interpreter for the United States government in the 1820s and efforts to receive payment for his work. Also included in this collection is a typescript of a *Florida Sentinel* article regarding Proctor's death in Tallahassee in 1855.

N2017-131

Gavin Family Papers, 1884-1949

2.25 cubic feet

The collection documents the personal lives and social activities of a Black family residing in Wakulla County from the 1880s through the 1940s, with the bulk of the collection relating to James G. Gavin, a ship worker and farmer. Records include correspondence, legal documents, records of the Republican Party in Wakulla County, and materials from James Gavin's fraternal activities, among other subjects.

N2020-5

Maxwell VanHoeij

Oral History Interview with Congressman John Lewis, 2016

2 electronic files (0.084 gigabytes)

The collection consists of an oral history interview with Congressman John Lewis conducted by Maxwell VanHoeij, an eighth-grade student at Cobb Middle School (Tallahassee), on December 12, 2016. Conducted as part of VanHoeij's project for

the 2016-2017 Florida History Day competition, the interview focuses on Congressman Lewis' account of Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr., and the civil rights movement.

Non-Black Creators

The following collections consist of personal and professional papers of non-Black Floridians, funeral and church records, and organizational records of various Florida social, professional and business groups. Together, these records provide information on the Black experience in Florida from the Spanish period to the present, including religion, education, family life and genealogy, business practices, military involvement, civil rights and the experiences of freed and enslaved Black persons before, during and after the slavery period and the Civil War. Created by non-Black individuals or organizations, these records might not accurately represent the experience and perspective of Black Floridians but may provide some additional context for that experience. Of value for researchers are records that provide vital statistics, such as birth, death and marriage information, which can be found not only among collections of church and burial records, but also in records of enslavers. **Please note that records in this section may contain outdated or offensive language, which is reflective of the circumstances in which they were created and is maintained in collection descriptions to provide researchers with the most accurate context for the records contained therein.**

M72-10

Cathedral of Saint Augustine (Saint Augustine)
Records, 1594-1763
7 microfilm reels

The collection contains a microfilm copy of the records of the Cathedral of St. Augustine, which includes baptisms, marriages, burials and confirmations. Of interest are baptisms and burials of freedmen, enslaved Black persons and "mixed bloods," typically referring to those of indigenous and Spanish descent.

M74- 5

Saint Michael's Catholic Church (Pensacola)
Records, 1811-1956
4 microfilm reels

Records of Saint Michael's Catholic Church include baptisms (1880-1953), baptisms of free and enslaved Black persons (1817-1882), marriages (1811-1937), burials (1841-1956) and confirmations (1884-1931).

M74-21

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (Tallahassee)
Records, 1847-1878, 1908-1941
1 microfilm reel

Records of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church include a list of Catholics in Chattahoochee, Quincy, St. Marks, New Port, Tallahassee, Monticello and Madison; a register recording confirmations, baptisms, marriages and burials; names of Black persons baptized from 1851 to 1864; and a summary of financial accounts from 1864 to 1865.

M76-126

J. L. Reed and Son Funeral Home (Tampa)
Burial Records, 1887-1969
16 microfilm reels

The collection contains a microfilm copy of the burial records of the J. L. Reed and Son Funeral Home and the funeral record books of M. Lovengreen and J. L. Reed. Records include the deceased's name, date and cause of death, place of burial, nationality, birthplace, occupation and parents' names.

M76- 134

Joshua Hoyet Frier
Memoirs, 1895-1903
0.25 cubic foot

The collection contains a photocopy of a journal of reminiscences written by Joshua Hoyet Frier, a member of the 1st Florida Reserves, Company B. It is titled "Reminiscences of the War Between the States by a Boy in the Far South at Home and in the Rank of the Confederate Militia." Some topics discussed are secession, food shortages and Frier's everyday war experiences. A chapter titled, "The Negro as a Slave," includes a description of a hunt for Dick, an enslaved Black man, for alleged theft.

M79-178

Concord Missionary Baptist Church (Madison County)
Records, 1841-1868
0.25 cubic foot

This photocopy of the minute book of the Concord Missionary Baptist Church contains the minutes of the regular conference meetings of the church, including the reception of new members; membership lists of white and Black members; and lists of those members baptized at the church.

M79-180

B. Marion Reed Funeral Home (Tampa)
Burial Records, 1916-1928
4 microfilm reels

Burial records of the B. Marion Reed Funeral Home describe deceased persons by name, race, birthday, birthplace, date of death, occupation and marital status. Each volume contains an alphabetical index by surname.

M79-181

Woodlawn Cemetery (Tampa)
Burial Records, 1895-1969
2 microfilm reels

Burial records of the Woodlawn Cemetery include records of interment and a sexton's register. Records describe the deceased by name, sex, race, place and date of birth, date and cause of death, attending physician, undertaker, date interred and location of grave. Volumes II through VI contain alphabetical indexes by surname.

M79-182

Swilley Funeral Home (Tampa)
Burial Records, 1959-1970
2 microfilm reels

Burial records of the Swilley Funeral Home describe the deceased by name, death date, sex, race, marital status, birthplace, age at death, occupation, birthplace, citizenship status and the name and occupation of the deceased's parents. Also included are a selection of death notices and certificates.

M79-183

Lord and Fernandez Funeral Home (Tampa)
Burial Records, 1925-1969
17 microfilm reels

Burial records of the Lord and Fernandez Funeral Home identify the deceased by name, closest relative, race, place of birth and death, address, death date, parental information and funerary information. Some volumes contain indexes organized alphabetically by surname. A fire destroyed all records prior to 1925. In addition, the collection includes records from Stowers Funeral Home, also of Tampa, which contain the same types of information and range from 1961 to 1966.

M79-184

Wells Funeral Home (Plant City)
Burial Records, 1918-1927, 1939
1 microfilm reel

Records of Wells Funeral Home identify the deceased by their name, race, birthplace, birth and death date, occupation, and parents' names and birthplaces.

M81-6

William T. Bauskett
Papers, 1911-1917
1.75 cubic feet

The collection consists primarily of research materials and some correspondence relating to an unpublished manuscript of a history of Florida by William Bauskett. The history spans the 1770s

through the early 20th century. The chapters cover the scope of Florida's history, with significant documentation of Indian affairs, Andrew Jackson and the Civil War. Records contain information on the "Slave Trade of 1828" and a report on the destruction of the occupied "Negro Fort" on the Apalachicola River, a general rendezvous for refugees from slavery and disaffected indigenous persons. The collection also includes documentation relating to the enlistment, participation and treatment of "colored troops" during the Civil War.

M81- 17

Florida Bar
Florida Legislative Investigation Committee
Records, 1957-1960
0.75 cubic foot

The Florida Legislature established the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee, commonly referred to as the Johns Committee, in 1956 to investigate allegedly subversive activities and legal infractions by educational institutions, suspected communist organizations and groups involved with the civil rights movement, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In 1957, the committee held a series of public hearings in which they tried to prove that the NAACP and its Florida counsel were breaking the law. This collection consists of carbon copies of transcripts of hearings before the Johns Committee from February 4 to March 13, 1957. There is an abundance of material relating to investigations of five NAACP attorneys: Alexander Akerman, Jr. of Washington, D.C.; Horace E. Hill of Daytona Beach, Florida; Grattan E. Graves, Jr. of Miami, Florida; and Francisco A. Rodriguez and William Andrew Fordham, both of Tampa, Florida. The records include correspondence, reports, complaints and legal documents relating to the investigation and the organization's activities in Florida.

M85- 10

Sallie G. Bradford
Walnut Hill Plantation Record of Enslaved Births and Deaths, 1860-1876
1 volume

The collection consists of a register recording the names and dates of birth of enslaved Black persons on Thomas A. Bradford's Walnut Hill Plantation. Thomas' niece, Sallie, started the register and an unknown source continued it after her death in 1867.

M86-38

Elliot family
Papers, 1851-1957
0.75 cubic foot

The collection consists of the personal papers and business records of the Elliot family, including Frederick R. Cotten, Henry S. Elliot, Sallie Cotten (Elliot), Fred C. Elliot, and Carrie Elliot. The Frederick R. Cotten records include a plantation journal that lists 19 enslaved Black persons by name, a receipt for the purchase of 35 enslaved Black men and women, and an advertisement for a debate about the participation of Black men in politics. Additionally, one folder contains a copy of a letter written by Lenn, an enslaved man in Lunenburg City, Virginia, to his sister, Memory, in Tallahassee.

M87-20

Papers Concerning the Will of Zephaniah Kingsley, 1844, 1846
2 items

The collection contains two documents contesting the will of Zephaniah Kingsley, an enslaver and plantation owner with multiple wives and substantial land holdings in Clay and Duval counties. At the time of his death, Zephaniah left most of his estate to his primary wife, Anna Kingsley, born Anta Madjiguene Ndiaye; three secondary wives, Flora Kingsley, Sarah Murphy Kingsley and Munsilna McGundo; and all his children by these marriages. White members of Kingsley's family contested the will, arguing that it was not legally recognizable to leave property to enslaved or freed Black persons, especially women, and that his marriage to Anna was invalid because of her race. Included in this collection is a petition to the will made by Martha McNeill and others to Judge Farquhar Bethune, filed November 30, 1844,

and the executors' response (Benjamin A. Putnam and Kingsley B. Gibbs) to the petition of Anna M. J. Kingsley, widow of Zephaniah Kingsley, dated September 5, 1846.

M88- 28

Joseph C. Shaw
Papers, 1863-1910
3 cubic feet

This collection contains the private and official papers of Joseph C. Shaw, a white soldier who served during the Civil War as a commissioned officer in the United States 99th Colored Troops. Originally named the 15th Regiment Corps d'Afrique, the 99th was a unit of Black enlisted men and white officers that campaigned in Louisiana. This unit served in the expedition that resulted in the Battle of Natural Bridge along the St. Marks River, six miles from present-day Woodville, and made up part of the occupying forces in Florida until it mustered out of service in 1866. The collection provides information on the administration of a Black Union military organization along with details concerning conditions in the Civil War and in the immediate post-Civil War period in Florida.

M93-5

Spanish Florida Censuses, 1783-1814
1 microfilm reel

This microfilm contains copies of transcribed translations of East Florida censuses from the Second Spanish Period in Florida. Included are the 1783 Spanish Census of Florida; the 1786 St. Augustine census, taken by Father Hassett; a 1793 St. Augustine census by street with a name index; and an 1814 census of various areas in East Florida, including Pablo and Fernandina; Talbot, Amelia and Shell Islands; St. Mary, St. Johns and Nassau Rivers; and the Spanish Mosquito Territory.

M96-4

Bay County Genealogical Society
Burial Records, 1858-1995
1 microfilm reel

This collection consists of the information recorded from the headstones of cemeteries and the burial records of the Brake Funeral Home. Headstone information, recorded between 1990 and 1995, contains genealogically relevant information from 38 cemeteries in Bay County, including four Black cemeteries – Gainer, Hillside, Lynn Haven Community and Redwood. The earliest dated headstone appears to be 1858. Records from Brake Funeral Home include the deceased's name, place of residence, age, date of death, race and remarks by funeral home staff. The records include 114 Black individuals, including five unidentified persons.

M97-11

Reminiscences about Memory Adams, not dated
2 items

This collection consists of two handwritten anecdotes about Memory Adams, a Black woman born to enslaved parents in 1822. Adams was brought to Florida in her 20s and auctioned off to an enslaver named John Argyle. While enslaved by the Argyle family, Adams taught herself to read and write by helping the Argyle children with schoolwork. She was emancipated at the end of the Civil War. She worked as a house and office cleaner for wealthy white families in Tallahassee, which afforded her some opportunities not granted to the majority of the newly freed Black Tallahassee community, such as attending and having her funeral service at the white Trinity Methodist Church and traveling to the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

M97- 15

John D. Gray
Deed of Trust, 1841
1 item

This 1841 deed of trust between John D. Gray and his older brother, William, uses John's St. Joseph properties and enslaved persons as collateral for a financial loan. Included in the deed are the names, ages and trades of 12 persons enslaved by John Gray.

N2003-2

Florida News Service

Reporters Lee Mainella and Bill Burke's Master Story Video Tapes, 1982-2000

222 Beta video tapes

The Florida News Service (FNS) was a television news service created by journalists Lee Mainella and Bill Burke in 1982. FNS supplied stories about the state's capital, Florida's government and major political issues to 11 Florida television stations until the company folded in 1991. Burke continued his journalism career with the Florida News Network until 2002. In addition to public figures, this collection includes footage of Tallahassee residents and local events, Apalachicola fishers and shrimpers, death row inmates, Florida State University and Florida A&M University students, Florida artists and protesters.

N2015-6

School Desegregation Papers, 1956-1970

0.25 cubic foot

Reverend Charles Kenzie Steele, President of the Inter-Civic Council, and four other parents filed a class-action suit on March 2, 1962, in federal district court against the Leon County School Board. The lawsuit charged the Board with operating an illegally segregated school system. This collection contains records regarding desegregation in Florida and the stance of the Leon County Board of Public Instruction regarding this issue from 1956 to 1970. The records also document the division between Black and white schools throughout Florida prior to desegregation, primarily in Leon, Palm Beach, Escambia and Orange counties.



Rev. C.K. Steele picketing downtown stores during demonstration in Tallahassee.

N2017-23

George A. Dekle Papers, 1843-1873

1 folder

The collection comprises materials related to George Austin Dekle, a farm owner and enslaver who moved to Marianna in the mid-1860s. Included in the records are seven bills of sale for enslaved Black persons from Florida, Georgia and Virginia, which list the names, relationships and some ages of the enslaved individuals, as well as to whom, where and when their enslavement was transferred.

N2017-82

Aaron Tison Deed, 1834

1 item

The collection includes a property deed from Aaron Tison, a Columbia County settler, to John C. Richard, dated March 8, 1834. The deed includes cattle, horses, a wagon and six enslaved persons, all identified by name and age, and described as either Black or "mulatto," indicating a mixed-race person.

N2017-114

E. C. Cabell

Bill of Sale for Enslaved Persons Joannah, Jeff and Sarah, 1842

1 item

Edward Carrington Cabell was the first United States Representative from Florida, holding his position from 1845 to 1853, and served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Confederate States Army. The collection contains a single bill for the sale of three named enslaved Black persons from a public auction in Quincy, which was overseen by Commissioners E. C. Cabell and C. H. Dupont.

N2017-116

David G. Raney Tax Records, 1859
1 folder

David G. Raney was a merchant and enslaver in Apalachicola where he ran a dry goods store with his partner, George Washington Harris, and held several public offices. The collection includes records of Raney's taxable property for 1859, which includes 12 enslaved Black persons.

N2017-130

John Bellamy Letter, 1826
1 folder

John Bellamy was an enslaver and plantation owner in Monticello. In 1823, he won a bid to complete the eastern half of a road meant to connect Pensacola to St. Augustine, for which the United States Army contracted him. This section of road,

known as "Bellamy's Road," was completed in May 1826 with enslaved Black labor and the assistance of indigenous guides. This collection contains photostats of a letter from Bellamy to Brigadier General Thomas S. Jesup that discusses the conclusion of the construction project. Note that while this letter discusses the use of forced labor, it does not specify the names or number of enslaved persons involved.

N2020-1

Estates of Elisha H. Kendall and Clark D. Parks
Account Ledger, 1841-1878
1 volume

The collection consists of a single volume documenting the distribution and maintenance of property and financial assets of the estates of Elisha H. Kendall of Georgia and, later, of Clark D. Parks of Florida. Both estates contain records of enslaved Black persons. Kendall's estate describes numerous sales and purchases of enslaved persons and their families, detailing the names and relations of each person, to whom their enslavement was transferred, and the date and cost of the transfer. The Parks estate consists entirely of an inventory and appraisal, in which are listed 23 enslaved Black persons identified by first name, gender and age.

Hidden Histories

The following collections consist of family and personal papers, business and organization files, and various other records created by non-Black individuals throughout Florida's history. These collections are not primarily related to the Black experience but contain small amounts of relevant records. Descriptions for each collection indicate the general nature of the collection and information of relevance within the collection. This section is intended to provide greater awareness of and access to records of Black lives in Florida's history which might otherwise be overlooked due to the size and scope of the collection of which they are a part. For example, Simpson Family Papers (Collection M91-5) contains over 8 cubic feet of records but has only one folder of records pertaining to Black persons. Hidden histories often contain valuable information for researchers and genealogists, particularly regarding vital statistics of enslaved persons and their descendants.

M72-7

Gamble Family
Family History Notes, 1898
1 microfilm reel

This notebook contains a family history of the Gambles and transcriptions of documents relating to

events in the family's past. Included is a narrative account of the burning of Tallahassee in 1843, which refers to Nelson, a Black man enslaved by John Gamble, who assisted in controlling the spread of the fire.

M74-22

Edmund Cottle Weeks
Papers, 1854-1935
4 cubic feet, 11 volumes

The collection contains the papers of Major Edmund Cottle Weeks and his second wife, Elizabeth (Hunt) Weeks, as well as materials relating to the Weeks, Craft, Hunt and Fish families. Many of Weeks' papers relate to his term as a U.S. Marshal, during which time he attempted to protect freedmen and their sympathizers from the extreme hostility they often faced.

M75-78

Cotten Family
Papers, 1840-1925
10 items

Papers of the Cotten family of Leon County include a receipt for the purchase of an unnamed 44-year-old enslaved person.

M82-10

Forbes Purchase Collection, 1817-1910
1.25 cubic feet

William Panton, John Leslie and Thomas Forbes owned Panton, Leslie & Company, a large and prosperous merchant business in colonial Georgia and South Carolina. The collection contains correspondence and legal papers concerning litigation over land ownership as well as receipts, indentures and other agreements made by interested parties.

Some of the legal records document enslaved Black individuals. Box 1, Folder 3 documents a civil suit regarding 29 unidentified enslaved Black persons willed to Sarah A. Betton by her deceased husband in 1845. Box 2 contains the will of William Oliphant which includes enslaved persons transferred to his relatives; a lawsuit against Thomas Gaskins for the cruel treatment of Sam, an enslaved man; a lawsuit against William Burney for the theft of 11 named enslaved persons from William Tradewell; an appraisal of enslaved persons and perishable property of the estate of Col.

Alfred M. Galtin; and an assignment of power of Galtin's estate to his wife, Sarah, which identifies 29 enslaved persons by name and age.

M82-59

Florida Centennial Celebration Program, 1924
1 item

This collection contains a Tallahassee program for the 1924 Florida Centennial Celebration. The celebration consisted of a week of events related to the history of Tallahassee as the Capital City. The program gives hour-by-hour details of events for each day of the week except for Saturday, November 15, 1924, simply titled "Negro activities day."

M83-27

Taylor Family
Papers, 1850-1969
1 cubic foot

This collection contains the papers of the Taylor family of Leon and Wakulla counties and various related families. The collection includes correspondence from 1852-1960; the account book of Charles Theodore Taylor, 1873; the journal of Mary C. Taylor, 1920; and genealogical papers and photographs, including some tintypes. Additionally, the collection contains the journal of Elizabeth L. Taylor, which records over 17 births and 10 deaths of enslaved Black persons at Black Creek, her family's plantation in Duval County.

M83-28

Charles W. Bannerman
Journal of the Iamonia Plantation, 1837-1873
1 microfilm reel

The collection contains a microfilm copy of the journal of Charles Bannerman's Iamonia Plantation in Leon County. The journal includes an account ledger and daily record of the plantation's operations.

M84-3

Kingsley Beatty Gibbs

Journal, 1840-1843
1 volume, 1 microfilm reel

Kingsley Beatty Gibbs was the nephew of Zephaniah Kingsley, a Fort George Island enslaver. He purchased his uncle's plantation in March 1839 and was named co-executor of his estate in 1843. Gibbs' journal, written from notes in 1858, spans January 1840 to June 1843. Some entries discuss the lives and conditions of enslaved Black persons on the plantation, including 40 individuals enslaved by Gibbs as part of the purchase agreement for the land.

M84-25

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States,
Leon County Post No. 3308 (Tallahassee)
Records, 1946-1963
1 cubic foot

This collection contains the records of the Leon County Post No. 3308 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Records include minutes, correspondence, financial records, membership lists and applications. Correspondence dates from 1946 to 1950 and deals with resolutions passed by the post, fundraising activities and solicitation for membership.

M87-19

Patrick Augustus McGriff
Letters, 1861-1864
0.25 cubic foot

The collection contains letters written by Patrick Augustus McGriff while serving in the Georgia Militia in 1864. McGriff operated a plantation along the Florida-Georgia border. His letters detail military, social and economic matters. Several letters reference Orsen (sometimes shortened to Orse), an enslaved Black man who attended McGriff during his enlistment, and record Orsen's sentiments for his wife, Elmira, and infant daughter, both also enslaved by McGriff's family.

M87-22

George Washington Scott

Papers, 1850-1904
0.25 cubic foot

This collection contains records of the personal and professional life of George Washington Scott, primarily focusing on his service with the 2nd and 5th Florida Cavalry during the Civil War. Records include personal and official military correspondence, war reports and maps, a partial muster roll for the 5th Florida Cavalry and other related items. Personal materials include newspaper clippings, genealogical information and a typescript of Scott's diary from 1850 to 1851. Additionally, there is a folder containing three receipts for the sale of enslaved Black individuals, identified by name and, in one document, by age.

M87-23

Craigsmiles Family
Papers, 1802-1899
13 items

The collection includes the papers of the Craigsmiles family, primarily Pryor Lee Craigsmiles, an enslaver operating a plantation between Thomasville, Georgia, and Tallahassee. The records include land grants, indentures, receipts, letters and genealogical materials. A May 1868 letter written by Pryor describes the condition of freed Black laborers living on his plantation, identifying 28 individuals by name, age and familial relation to one another. Among these is Thomas Hart, who rented Craigsmiles' Florida land holdings around 1868.

M91-5

Simpson Family
Papers, 1825-1978
8.25 cubic feet, 39 volumes

The collection consists of personal papers, photographs and business records relating to the Simpson family of Monticello, as well as the papers of the Conrad, Perkins, Palmer and Finlayson families. One folder in this collection contains seven deeds of sale for enslaved Black persons to William Perkins, a Leon County plantation owner. Sixteen enslaved persons are identified by name,

some of whom are also described by gender, age and relation to each other.

M92-1

Call Family and Brevard Family Papers, 1788-1925
6 cubic feet, 27 microfilm reels, 33 computer disks

This collection contains correspondence, writings and other papers of Richard Keith Call and his family from 1788-1916 and Theodore Washington Brevard and Mary Call Brevard and their family from 1820-1925. Included are personal and business correspondence; financial records; land records; commissions; speeches; manuscript poems, articles, books and other writings; newspaper clippings; and scrapbooks documenting the personal and public lives of members of the Call and Brevard families. Many of Call's writings relate to slavery and race relations in the Civil War period.

M93-1

Thomas Fitch
Papers, 1818-1836
0.25 cubic foot, 1 compact disc

This collection contains correspondence, invoices, agreements and contracts related to the business and legal activities of Thomas Fitch in South Georgia and East Florida from 1818 until his death in 1821. It also includes papers dated from 1822-1836 related to the settlement of his estate, including several items documenting Fitch's activities as an enslaver, such as purchase contracts, legal affidavits and sworn statements, work proposals and a valuation of enslaved persons. Most of these records identify the enslaved persons involved by name and age.

M96-18

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Florida
Division
Scrapbooks, 1900-1935
12 volumes

This collection consists of 12 scrapbooks regarding the history of the Civil War, Southern life and the history of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Many early entries are written by Confederate

veterans regarding their experiences in all Florida theaters of war, while later entries are recollections by wives, daughters and other descendants of those living in the Confederate South.

Several entries reflect the writers' view of enslaved or formerly enslaved Black men and women during the war, such as: "A Faithful Servant," the story of Richard, a 17-year-old enslaved Black man; "The Mulatto Mustapha," the story of an invading Union Captain in Windsor, South Carolina; and "My Old Black Mammy," the reminiscence of Elizabeth Coffee Sheldon of her enslaved nursemaid, unnamed, in Cherry Lake.

M97-24

Newspaper Clippings and Letters, 1771-1862
0.25 cubic foot

This collection consists of photostatic copies of newspaper articles, personal correspondence and a resolution. Settlers and immigrants in Pensacola and Tallahassee wrote the letters between 1771 and 1848. Topics include American relations with the Spanish in Pensacola; efforts by the Seminole, Creek and Cherokee nations to reclaim their ancestral lands in Florida; living conditions in Tallahassee; and the status of enslavers and the cotton industry in Leon County.

M98-10

Florida School Food Service Association
Records, 1946-1998
18 cubic feet

This collection consists of administrative records and reference files documenting the organization, programs and activities of the Florida School Food Service Association (FSFSA). Within this collection are records pertaining to the Florida School Lunch Association, an organization of Black school food service personnel originally formed at Bethune-Cookman College in 1950 and later subsumed by the FSFSA.

N2005-9

Blackshear, Pittman, White, Dickens, and Drew

Families Papers, circa 1700s-1970s
23 cubic feet

This collection consists of correspondence, personal and business papers, photographs and other records relating to the Blackshear, Pittman, White, Dickens and Drew families of Jackson County, Florida and Laurens County, Georgia. There are brief mentions of some enslaved Black persons – such as Thany, a nursemaid – but with little description. Box 25 contains several records relating to the enslavement of Black persons by Thomas Williams and Thomas White. These records identify enslaved individuals in various ways such as by name, sex, age and/or some familial relationships.

N2007-1

Pope Family
Papers, circa 1820-1918
0.3 cubic foot

This collection contains personal and business documents relating to the Pope family of Sneads, including a bill of sale for Mosur, an enslaved 17-year-old Black youth in South Carolina, dated October 7, 1820.

N2014-10

Billy Lauren Gooding
Papers, 1824-1996
0.5 cubic foot

This collection consists of correspondence, historical accounts, news clippings, photographs and other records documenting Fort Clinch and Fernandina-area history and families, as collected by Fort Clinch State Park museum guide Billy Gooding. Two additional folders contain records relating to James T. O'Neill, circa 1823 to 1876, which relate to his business and personal dealings and include an 1838 receipt of sale for an enslaved Black woman, Phebe, from John H. Gunby to O'Neill.

N2017-14

Blake and Parish Families Papers, 1820-1900, bulk
1830-1894
0.25 cubic foot

The collection contains the papers of the Blake family of Leon County and the Parish family of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Included are Leon County land deeds, family correspondence, financial records and a receipt for the sale of an enslaved Black woman and her daughter, identified by name and age.

N2017-16

Leon County Residents Papers, 1800s
0.25 cubic foot

The collection includes records of various residents of Leon County in the late 19th century. Included are two documents identifying enslaved Black persons, a bill of sale for a woman and her three sons and a schedule of taxable property recording 17 men and 13 women, both listing individuals by name and age. Also included are two hiring contracts for freedwomen identified only by name.

N2017-17

John T. Bryan Papers, 1822, 1864-1865
0.25 cubic foot

The collection includes records related to John T. Bryan's service in the 1st Georgia Regiment, Confederate Army. Included is a single bill of sale for an enslaved Black woman and her two children, identified by name and gender.

N2017-27

Finlayson Family
Papers, 1841-1863
1 folder

The collection consists of handwritten transcriptions of business and private correspondence concerning John Finlayson and his family. Business papers primarily concern the Finlayson family's Glendower Plantation, located in Jefferson County.

N2017-58

Achille Murat
Papers, 1826-1847, 1867, 1870
0.5 cubic foot

This collection documents the personal life and financial and legal matters of Achille Murat. Personal records consist of wills and marriage licenses, correspondence, financial records, mortgages and legal documents. Legal and financial records include mortgages, receipts, depositions and testimonies. The collection is organized into three series. Series 1 contains records relating to Murat's personal life and includes his will, in which he bequeaths his plantation and several unidentified enslaved Black persons to his wife. Series 2 consists of his financial papers, including four indentures and two abstracts of mortgage that identify more than 150 enslaved Black persons by name and, in one indenture, by age. Series 3 contains his legal

papers relating to the multiple lawsuits Murat faced in his lifetime.

N2020-8

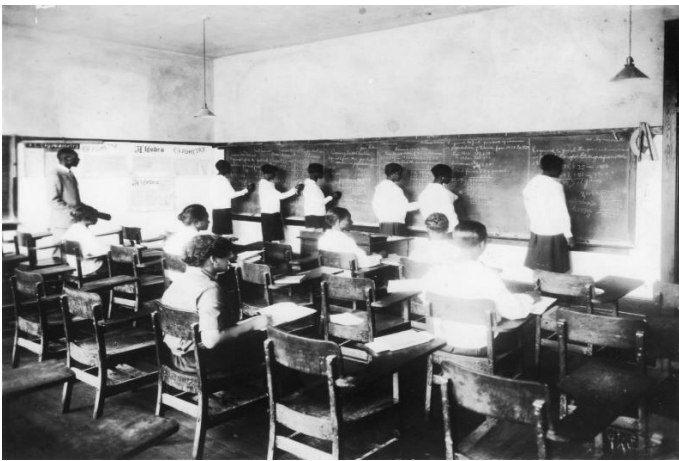
Hinson Family
Papers, 1838-1887
1 cubic foot

The collection contains records pertaining to the Hinson family of Gadsden County, particularly Daniel Murphy Hinson, Sr. Included in Hinson Sr.'s financial records are receipts and bills of sale, including a record for the sale of Ann, an enslaved Black woman, and her three children.

Photographic Collections

The Florida Photographic Collection includes more than 1.5 million images and 7,000 movies and videotapes which together form the most complete visual portrait of Florida and Floridians available. Comprising photographs provided by hundreds of individual donors, the collection reflects the homes, families, work, pastimes, and social, cultural and natural environments of Floridians from the mid-1800s to the present.

The following collections are those that, due to their size or scope, form our best visual documentation of the experiences of Black Floridians, but this is not an exhaustive list of all such photographs in the State Archives. Collections below are described by their general scope, then by relevant materials within each collection, and then – except for General Photographic Collections M82-5 and N2018-14 – as constituting a Black Creator (BC) collection, Non-Black Creator (NBC) collection, or Hidden History (HH) collection.



A mathematics class at Florida A & M University - Tallahassee, Florida.

M82-5

General Photographic Collection, 1845-2016

72,004 photographs

Workers at home on the Racimo Plantation near Georgetown



This collection of photographic images forms a comprehensive visual history of Florida. It contains

photographs provided to the State Archives by hundreds of individual donors and reflects the homes, families, work, pastimes, and social, cultural and natural environments of Floridians from the mid-1800s to the present. Many of these images are accessible online through the Florida Memory website, FloridaMemory.com.

M82-30

Richard E. Resler

Resler Photographs, 1898-1941

34 photographs

This collection contains 34 black-and-white images of people, places and activities in West Palm Beach.

Most of these photographs are of the Royal Poinciana Hotel in 1898, but some are images of The Styx, a temporary community for Black construction workers. When landowners forcibly removed these residents, they relocated to the northwest area of West Palm Beach, which served as the city's all-Black community from 1894-1960. (HH)

M82-37

Leonard Darkin
Darkin Family Photographs, 1880-1891
84 photographs

This collection contains photographs of the Darkins, a white family living in the Lake George area at the end of the 19th century. There are a small number of photographs depicting unidentified Black workers, often seen in the background. Photographs depict the Darkin family watching as three Black men dig a ditch, a Black woman driving a carriage, and a Black family with one white man on the front porch of their house, which was next door to the Darkin's orange packinghouse. (HH)

M82-53

Winthrop Family Photographs, 1866-1968
1.25 cubic feet

This collection contains photographs of the Winthrop family of Tallahassee and their activities in north Florida. Most of this collection consists of photographs taken during a hunting trip along the Wacissa River in 1901, including some images of Black laborers setting up and transporting equipment. Some images in this collection are family photographs taken by Tallahassee photographer Alvan S. Harper, including two portraits of the family's Black coachman, Mathew Merritt (pictured at right). (HH)

M82-57

Mark Frederick Boyd
Florida Scenes Photographs, 1870-1950
190 photographs

This collection contains photographs of various Florida scenes collected by physician Mark Frederick Boyd. A majority of the scenes are

Tallahassee buildings, parks and people photographed by Alvan S. Harper in March 1888, including albumen prints of Black citizens. (HH)

M82-73

Ignatz Nathaniel Gardner
Tobacco Production Photographs, 1900-1915
100 photographs



This collection contains photographs of the Gardner and Wedeles family and the Taussic and Wedeles Tobacco companies of Gadsden County. Many of the images depict Black workers in various stages of tobacco production and in several group photos of the companies' Black and white employees. (NBC)

Stringing tobacco for the drying shed.



M82-105

Jacksonville Area Photographs, circa 1890s-1930s
17 photographs

This collection contains photographs of people, scenes and events around Jacksonville in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. There are scenes of encamped Spanish-American War soldiers, including Black soldiers; Jacksonville landmarks; agricultural scenes; a formal group portrait; a parade; the steamboat “City of Jacksonville;” and a shipyard. Ensminger Brothers Photography Studio of Sanford took all but one photo in this collection. (NBC)

M84-41

Monticello Photographic Collection, 1870-1890s
93 photographs

The collection consists of daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes and albumens of people in Monticello, particularly members of the Partridge family. Included is an 1850s hand-colored daguerreotype of Mollie, an African woman kidnapped by transatlantic slave traders. She was

brought to South Carolina and sold to John and Eliza Partridge, who later

*Corinne Turnbull Yarbrough and Creasy Lloyd –
Narcoossee, Florida.*



brought her to Jefferson County, Florida and referred to her as “Mauma Mollie.” This rare daguerreotype of a person of color is particularly notable for its hand-tinting. (HH)

M87-30

Alvan S. Harper
Photographic Collection, 1884-1910
1,600 photographs

Alvan S. Harper was a Tallahassee-based photographer active from 1884 to his death in 1911. This collection consists of glass negatives recovered from Harper’s attic 35 years after his death. While some images depict buildings and street scenes in the Florida panhandle, the bulk of this collection consists of 1,300 portraits, mostly unidentified, of Florida men, women and children, including middle-class Black persons. (NBC)

M89-18

Emilie Blackburn
Family Photographs, not dated
12 photographs

The collection consists of 10 portraits of unidentified Tallahassee residents, taken by photographer Alvan S. Harper between 1884 and

1911. Subjects are likely members of the Blackburn, Byrd and Yarbrough families. In addition, there are two 1905 photographs of Creasy Lloyd, a formerly enslaved Black woman who then served as a nanny to the Yarbrough family, as well as a colored pencil sketch of her from 1895. (HH)

M91-15

Richard Aloysius Twine
Lincolnvile, St. Augustine Photographic
Collection, 1922-1927
103 photographs

Palace market in Lincolnvile.



The collection contains black-and-white images of the Lincolnvile Community in the 1920s taken by local Lincolnvile photographer Richard Aloysius Twine. Lincolnvile is a district of Saint Augustine originally named “Africa” due to its founding by freed Black people in 1866. Many of the subjects in these photos are identified, including Twine and several of his family members. (BC)

M96-34

Photographs of Volusia County, 1880-1925
17 photographs

This collection consists of 16 black-and-white glass negatives depicting scenes in Volusia County and one mounted print of a Black couple in Glenwood. Volusia County images include Orange City, Blue Springs, Deland and the Trissel House. (HH)

M99-22

Photographs of East Florida Towns and Attractions,

1895

34 photographs

This collection consists of black-and-white images of various communities in east Florida, created between March and May of 1895. Images include workers in Enterprise, the Banana and Indian rivers, Merritt Island, the Jacksonville harbor, various attractions in St. Augustine, and Black families and homes in Brevard County, such as the Dazey family in Rockledge and Mr. Kimball and Mrs. Green in Lotus. (HH)

The Dazey family - Rockledge, Florida

N2004-2



Bryant Grady Patton

Apalachicola Seafood Industry Photographs, 1946
46 photographs

Bryant Patton, a war veteran and cattle rancher, started the Apalachicola Fish and Oyster Company in 1944. In 1946, he hired a photographer to take promotional photos of his business and employees. This collection contains black-and-white photographs from that promotional shoot, including various shots of Black employees, including children, cleaning the fresh caught seafood. These images also display a stark division of labor by race, as white employees are shown netting fish and operating a small plane. (NBC)

N2008-14

John Buckley

Photographic Collection, 1969-1976
5,250 photographs



Children drawing at a WPA art center.

John Buckley was a white photographer interested in the protest movements of the 1960s. He attended protests for civil rights and the anti-war and anti-nuclear power movements and photographed the events and attendees. This collection consists of black-and-white negatives, slides and prints from demonstrations around Florida as well as in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, Georgia. (NBC)

N2016-4

Gilbert Richard Ohmes
Jefferson and Leon County Photographic
Collection, circa 1960-1964
300 photographs

The collection contains black-and-white images documenting the Black experience in rural Leon

and Jefferson counties, taken by white amateur photographer Gilbert Richard Ohmes. Ohmes was

interested in the effect of integration on his local Black community and sought to represent living conditions, agriculture and residents of the area. (NBC)

Children enjoying soda on the porch in north central Florida.

N2018-14

General Photographic Collection, 1990-present
Approximately 485 gigabytes

This collection comprises the “Digital Image Collection” component of the General Collection of photos. Hundreds of individual donors provided the images to the State Archives in digital form, and they depict the homes, families, work, pastimes, and social, cultural and natural environments of Floridians from the late 1900s through present day. (HH)

N2018-20

Bruce Mozert
Photographic Collection, 1900s
25,000 negatives, 15,000 photographs, 300 film
reels, 50 VHS tapes

This collection contains photographs, films, documents and artifacts relating to Bruce Mozert’s work as a professional photographer from the 1930s to the early 2010s. Many of the photographs and films are of Silver Springs near Ocala, as well as Paradise Park, a segregated tourist attraction for Black visitors located downriver from the main Silver Springs property. (HH)

Young couples dancing to the jukebox at Paradise Park.

Local Government Records

The Local Government Records held by the State Archives consist of a small quantity of original public records generated by local government agencies and jurisdictions throughout the state. These series vary widely in scope and contain records such as birth, marriage and death records; tax rolls; trusts, wills and estate appraisements; probate records; administrative files; city ordinances; and many others. These records are particularly useful for genealogical research and are listed below under their alphabetically arranged county of origin.

Many of the series listed in this section are on microfilm, which is available to on-site patrons only. Researchers needing these records should plan to visit the Archives in person or arrange with a private researcher. Reference staff will provide a list of researchers upon request.

Common Record Types

Chancery Records: Chancery cases are civil cases of equity, wherein two parties claim conflict and one party seeks to compel the other to do or to stop doing a specific action. These cases can include divorces, foreclosures, trusts, property disputes and probate issues.

Death Records: These include death certificates, coroner's reports and inquests prepared by the coroner for court cases.

Deed Records: Books of recorded deeds, which are legal instruments by which real property transfers from one party to another. Common deed types include warranty deeds, quitclaim deeds and deeds of gift. These contain useful information on the individuals to and from whom the property was transferred and on the property itself.

Discharge Records: The bulk of these pertain to World War I soldiers and sailors, as each county was required by law to record their honorable discharges after service. Records include the service member's name, race, rank, physical description, reason for discharge and an enlistment record of their service.

Marriage Records: Books of marriage licenses documenting the names and additional information of the spouses as well as when and where the ceremony was performed. May also include applications for marriage licenses and related affidavits.

Mortgage Records: Mortgages are conditional transfers of legal title, such as to property conveyed by a deed, as security for payment of a debt.

Naturalization Records: Pertain to individuals applying for U.S. citizenship via naturalization and include identifying information such as name, country of origin, age, birth and work information and date of entry.

Probate Records: Court records related to estate division after the death of the estate's owner, either testate (with a will) or intestate (without a will). These records may include wills, inventories, distribution records and other documents.

Progress Dockets: Records of the progress of cases heard before the court that list each action taken along with their date and cost. Cases vary widely and can include, for example, divorce, mortgage foreclosures, assault and larceny.

Tax Records: These come from the Circuit Court or Tax Collector's Office and record the taxpayer's name, description and value of land, and type and value of livestock, and personal and real property.

Will Books: These contain wills and their related documents as recorded by the court. Wills provide information on family relationships as well as specific property and goods.

Local Government Records by County of Origin

Alachua

L86, 8th Circuit Deed Records, 1826-1928 (26 microfilm reels)

L87, 8th Circuit Probate Records, 1828-1948 (8 microfilm reels)

L88, 8th Circuit Marriage Records, 1837-1930 (12 microfilm reels)

Baker

L89, 8th Circuit Deed Records, 1877-1933 (7 microfilm reels)

L90, 8th Circuit Marriage Records, 1877-1951 (23 microfilm reels)

L91, 8th Circuit Probate Records, 1877-1910 (3 microfilm reels)

L236, 8th Circuit Will Book, 1914-1956 (1 microfilm reel)

L356, 8th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1917-1945 (1 microfilm reel)

L358, 8th Circuit Miscellaneous Records, 1912-1937 (1 microfilm reel)

L359, 8th Circuit Mortgage Records, 1876-1899 (2 microfilm reels)

L360, 8th Circuit Record of Administration, 1914-1938 (1 microfilm reel)

L372, 8th Circuit Tax Books, 1877-1895 (2 microfilm reels)

Bay

L92, 14th Circuit Marriage Records, 1913-1951 (9 microfilm reels)

L93, 14th Circuit Will Book, 1913-1936 (1 microfilm reel)

L237, 14th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1942 (1 microfilm reel)

L238, 14th Circuit Chancery Order Books, 1913-1924 (1 microfilm reel)

Bradford (*called New River County from 1858-1861)

L94, 8th Circuit Deed Records, 1875-1933 (19 microfilm reels)

L95, 8th Circuit Probate Records, 1868-1940 (7 microfilm reels)

L96, 8th Circuit Marriage Records, 1875-1950 (11 microfilm reels)

L349, 8th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1944 (1 microfilm reel)

Brevard

L1, Melbourne, Tax Assessment Rolls, 1895-1908 (1 volume)

L6, Titusville, City Council Admin Files, 1960-1974 (1.5 cubic feet)

L97, 18th Circuit Deed Records, 1871-1936 (24 microfilm reels)

L98, 18th Circuit Probate Records, 1886-1975 (8 microfilm reels)

L99, 18th Circuit Marriage Records, 1868-1954 (14 microfilm reels)

L365, 18th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1918-1944 (1 microfilm reel)

L373, 18th Circuit Naturalization Records, 1865-1903 (1 microfilm reel)

Broward

*No relevant records available

Calhoun

L22, 14th Circuit Probate Records, 1585-1907 (1 volume, 1 microfilm reel)

L101, 14th Circuit Deed Records, 1862-1902 (3 microfilm reels)
L102, 14th Circuit Marriage Records, 1862-1926 (10 microfilm reels)
L103, 14th Circuit Probate Records, 1877-1920 (3 microfilm reels)
L241, 14th Circuit Mortgage Records, 1885-1899 (1 microfilm reel)
L242, 14th Circuit Record of Land Sold for Taxes, 1893-1928 (1 microfilm reel)
L248, 14th Circuit Tract Book 1829-1900, (1 microfilm reel)
L281, 14th Circuit Chancery Order Books, 1906-1925 (1 microfilm reel)
L301, 14th Circuit Progress Dockets, 1909-1924 (2 microfilm reels)
L302, 14th Circuit Will Books, 1878-1952 (1 microfilm reel)
L303, 14th Circuit Military Discharge Records, 1899-1919 (1 microfilm reel)

Charlotte

L104, 20th Circuit Marriage Records, 1921-1927, 1945 (1 microfilm reel)

Citrus

L105, 5th Circuit Marriage Records, 1887-1962 (3 microfilm reels)
L106, 5th Circuit Probate Records, 1878-1935 (4 microfilm reels)
L107, 5th Circuit Deed Records, 1878-1948 (16 microfilm reels)
L239, 5th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1943 (1 microfilm reel)
L240, County Cemetery Records, 1990-1991 (1 microfilm reel)

Clay

L108, 4th Circuit Deed Records, 1871-1915 (15 microfilm reels)
L109, 4th Circuit Probate Records, 1859-1924 (5 microfilm reels)
L110, 4th Circuit Marriage Records, 1872-1958 (5 microfilm reels)
L247, 4th Circuit Tract Books, 1837-1893 (1 microfilm reel)
L314, 4th Circuit Chancery Records, 1885-1925 (2 microfilm reels)

L315, 4th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1917-1944 (1 microfilm reel)
L352, Clay Memorial Hospital Personnel Records, 1969-1992 (9 cubic feet)
L354, Clay Memorial Hospital Admin and Financial Records 1955-1994 (5 cubic feet)

Collier

L111, 20th Circuit Marriage Records, 1923-1945 (1.00 microfilm reel 35mm)

Columbia

L112, 3rd Circuit Deed Records, 1849-1932 (11 microfilm reels)
L113, 3rd Circuit Marriage Records, 1874-1976 (21 microfilm reels)
L114, 3rd Circuit Probate Records, 1860-1955 (6 microfilm reels)
L641, Supervisor of Elections Voter Registrations and Voter Rolls, 1871-1965 (121 volumes)

Dade County

*see Miami-Dade County records

De Soto

L118, 12th Circuit Marriage Records, 1887-1936 (9 microfilm reels)
L119, 12th Circuit Will Books, 1903-1929 (3 microfilm reels)
L246, 12th Circuit Deed Records, 1887-1926 (21 microfilm reels)
L249, 12th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1942 (1 microfilm reel)
L250, 12th Circuit Naturalization Records, 1890-1919 (1 microfilm reel)
L343, 12th Circuit Probate Records, 1886-1961 (9 microfilm reels)

Dixie

L120, 3rd Circuit Marriage Records, 1921-1953 (3 microfilm reels)
L121, 3rd Circuit Deed Records, 1871-1904 (2 microfilm reels)

Duval

L62, Office of County Engineer Maps, 1928 (5 microfilm reels)
L122, 4th Circuit Deed Records, 1822-1923 (19 microfilm reels)
L123, 4th Circuit Marriage Records, 1823-1963 (139 microfilm reels)
L124, 4th Circuit Probate Records, 1822-1922 (106 microfilm reels)
L251, 4th Circuit Mortgage Records, 1901-1923 (10 microfilm reels)

Escambia

L14, 1st Circuit Court Marks and Brands Records, 1823-1890 (1 volume, 1 microfilm reel)
L125, 1st Circuit Deed Records, 1820-1910 (30 microfilm reels)
L126, 1st Circuit Marriage Records, 1822-1927 (7 microfilm reels)
L127, 1st Circuit Probate Records, 1832-1972 (5 microfilm reels)
L128, Pensacola, FL Birth and Death Records, 1891-1910 (2 microfilm reels)
L205, Escambia County Plat Book, 1827-1890 (1 microfilm reel)
L252, 1st Circuit Mortgage Records, 1869-1884 (2 microfilm reels)
L253, 1st Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1944 (1 microfilm reel)

Flagler

L129, 7th Circuit Marriage Records, 1917-1973 (4.00 microfilm reel 35mm)
L130, 7th Circuit Probate Records, 1917-1939, 1944-1945 (2.00 microfilm reel 35mm)

Franklin

L28, 2nd Circuit Letterbook, 1894-1907 (0.25 cubic foot)
L29, Revenue Collector's Office Letterbook, 1880 (0.25 cubic foot)
L63, Apalachicola, City Clerk's Office Records, 1856-1946 (2 microfilm reels)
L68, List of Children Between the Ages of 5 and 18, 1855 and 1866 (3 items)
L131, 2nd Circuit Deed Records, 1874-1936 (6 microfilm reels)
L132, 2nd Circuit Marriage Records, 1887-1957 (8 microfilm reels)

L133, 2nd Circuit Probate Records, 1832-1922 (4 microfilm reels)
L255, 2nd Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1943 (1 microfilm reel)
L256, 2nd Circuit Naturalization Records, 1907-1928 (1 microfilm reel)
L258, 2nd Circuit Guardianship Records, 1921-1956 (1 microfilm reel)

Gadsden

L49, 2nd Circuit Deed Records, 1849-1898 (22 microfilm reels)
L55, 2nd Circuit Probate Records, 1827-1946 (17 microfilm reels)
L56, 2nd Circuit Marriage Records, 1849-1964 (24 microfilm reels)
L235, 2nd Circuit Record of Land Sold for Taxes, 1872-1922 (1 microfilm reel)
L265, 2nd Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1946 (1 microfilm reel)
L273, 2nd Circuit Chancery Orders, 1859-1926 (1 microfilm reel)

Gilchrist

L366, 8th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1917-1920 (1 microfilm reel)
L367, 8th Circuit Marriage Records, 1927-1967 (1 microfilm reel)

Glades

L309, 20th Circuit Marriage Records, 1921-1951 (2 microfilm reels)

Gulf

L134, 14th Circuit Marriage Records, 1925-1955 (2 microfilm reels)

Hamilton

L135, 3rd Circuit Deed Records, 1831-1938 (9 microfilm reels)
L136, 3rd Circuit Marriage Records, 1824-1956 (21 microfilm reels)
L137, 3rd Circuit Probate Records, 1830-1947 (15 microfilm reels)
L261, 3rd Circuit Land Patents, 1909-1938 (1 microfilm reel)
L262, 3rd Circuit Tract Book, 1831-1901 (1 microfilm reel)

L263, 3rd Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1918-1944 (1 microfilm reel)
L264, 3rd Circuit Guardianship Records, 1890-1925 (1 microfilm reel)
L310, 3rd Circuit Census Record, 1880 (1 microfilm reel)
L311, 3rd Circuit Chancery Orders, 1859-1928 (1 microfilm reel)
L312, 3rd Circuit Letters of Administration, 1919-1924 (1 microfilm reel)

Hardee

L138, 10th Circuit Marriage Records, 1921-1963 (7 microfilm reels)
L342, 10th Circuit Probate Records, 1874-1986 (5 microfilm reels)

Hendry

L259, 20th Circuit Marriage Records, 1923-1951 (1 microfilm reel)

Hernando (*name briefly changed to Benton County from 1844-1850)

L24, 5th Circuit Case Files, 1881-1899 (0.5 cubic foot)
L139, 5th Circuit Deed Records, 1878-1929 (31 microfilm reels)
L260, 5th Circuit Marriage Records, 1887-1961 (6 microfilm reels)
L267, 5th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1944 (1 microfilm reel)
L268, 5th Circuit Guardianship Records, 1884-1932 (1 microfilm reel)
L269, 5th Circuit Will Books, 1884-1936 (1 microfilm reel)
L270, 5th Circuit Probate Court Minutes, 1884-1926 (1 microfilm reel)
L300, 5th Circuit Administration Records, 1878-1936 (1 microfilm reel)

Highlands

*No records available

Hillsborough

L16, Greater Tampa Bicentennial Council Subject Files, 1973-1976 (2.5 cubic feet)
L140, 13th Circuit Deed Records, 1846-1935 (76 microfilm reels)

L141, 13th Circuit Marriage Records, 1846-1980 (131 microfilm reels)
L142, 13th Circuit Probate Records, 1845-1930 (76 microfilm reels)
L144, 13th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1917-1957 (1 microfilm reel)
L266, 13th Circuit Naturalization Records, 1889-1906 (4 microfilm reels)

Holmes

L145, 14th Circuit Marriage Records, 1902-1952 (5 microfilm reels)
L146, 14th Circuit Probate Records, 1902-1935 (2 microfilm reels)
L271, 14th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1946 (1 microfilm reel)

Indian River

L147, 19th Circuit Marriage Records, 1925-1927 (1 microfilm reel)

Jackson

L23, 14th Circuit Tax, Court and County Records, 1820-1920 (1 microfilm reel)
L148, 14th Circuit Deed Records, 1829-1905 (16 microfilm reels)
L149, 14th Circuit Marriage Records, 1849-1973 (29 microfilm reels)
L150, 14th Circuit Probate Records, 1826-1936 (12 microfilm reels)
L272, 14th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1948 (1 microfilm reel)
L274, 14th Circuit Chancery Records, 1856-1867 (1 microfilm reel)

Jefferson

L42, Superior Court Middle District Case Files, 1828-1845 (9 cubic feet, 16 microfilm reels)
L46, Jefferson County School Board Records, 1914-1964 (24 cubic feet, 3 volumes)
L57, 2nd Circuit Marriage Records, 1827-1954 (31 microfilm reels)
L58, 2nd Circuit Probate Records, 1838-1946 (30 microfilm reels)
L59, 2nd Circuit Deed Records, 1825-1935 (29 microfilm reels)
L232, County Court Case Files, 1827-1920 (20 cubic feet)

L233, 2nd Circuit Cases Files, 1845-1920 (26 cubic feet)
L234, Justice of the Peace Case Files, 1831-1917 (4 cubic feet)
L306, 2nd Circuit Chancery Records, 1885-1936 (1 microfilm reel)
L307, 2nd Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1947 (1 microfilm reel)
L308, Board of County Commissioners Minutes, 1897-1924 (1 microfilm reel)
L346, 2nd Circuit Miscellaneous Court Records, 1828-1955 (11.75 cubic feet)
L351, Tax Collector Records, 1888-1889, 1891-1895, 1898 (1 cubic foot)
L656, County Tax Proper Fund Records, 1855-1928, bulk 1892-1909 (1 cubic foot)

Lafayette

L151, 3rd Circuit Deed Records, 1873-1933 (6 microfilm reels)
L152, 3rd Circuit Marriage Records, 1857-1967 (10 microfilm reels)
L153, 3rd Circuit Probate Records, 1872-1964 (3 microfilm reels)
L275, 3rd Circuit Mortgage Records, 1893-1903 (1 microfilm reel)
L276, 3rd Circuit Progress Docket, 1893-1910 (1 microfilm reel)
L277, 3rd Circuit Chancery Records, 1893-1930 (1 microfilm reel)
L278, 3rd Circuit Miscellaneous Circuit Court Records, 1899-1904 (1 microfilm reel)
L280, 3rd Circuit Record of Liens, 1893-1899 (1 microfilm reel)

Lake

L20, 5th Circuit Registers of Legal Instruments Filed, 1887-1905 (3 volumes, 1 microfilm reel)
L154, 5th Circuit Indexes to Deed Records, 1887-1927 (6 microfilm reels)
L155, 5th Circuit Marriage Records, 1887-1975 (6 microfilm reels)
L156, 5th Circuit Probate Records, 1887-1928 (16 microfilm reels)
L289, 5th Circuit Death Records, 1915-1974 (5 microfilm reels)
L290, 5th Circuit Deed Records, 1887-1914 (16 microfilm reels)

L291, 5th Circuit Apprenticeship Records, 1890-1914 (1 microfilm reel)
L292, 5th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1939 (1 microfilm reel)

Lee

L17, County Tax Assessor's Office Correspondence, 1887-1891 (0.5 cubic foot)
L282, 20th Circuit Marriage Records, 1887-1951 (3 microfilm reels)
L283, 20th Circuit Probate Records, 1889-1931 (4 microfilm reels)
L284, 20th Circuit Deed Records, 1886-1930 (8 microfilm reels)
L285, 20th Circuit Miscellaneous Circuit Court Records, 1887-1910 (1 microfilm reel)

Leon

L9, City of Tallahassee Records, 1885-1965 (92.5 cubic feet, 4 items)
L27, Tallahassee, City Clerk's Office Index to the Register of Legal Instruments Filed, 1825-1897 (1 volume, 1 microfilm reel)
L30, 2nd Circuit Will Books, 1839-1947 (5 volumes, 2 microfilm reels)
L50, 2nd Circuit Superior and Circuit Court Minutes, 1824-1887 (7 microfilm reels)
L52, 2nd Circuit Deed Records, 1825-1942 (42 microfilm reels)
L53, 2nd Circuit Marriage Records, 1825-1955 (55 microfilm reels)
L54, Tallahassee, Department of Public Works Cemetery Records, 1835-1989 (1 microfilm reel)
L60, 2nd Circuit Chancery Records, 1825-1945 (200 cubic feet, 67 microfilm reels)
L61, 2nd Circuit Superior Court and Circuit Court Case Files, 1825-1944 (107 cubic feet, 26 microfilm reels)
L64, Sheriff's Office Registers of Prisoners, 1908-1990 (48 volumes)
L65, Sheriff's Office Registers of Convictions, 1903-1952 (5 volumes)
L66, Sheriff's Office Criminal Dockets, 1922-1974 (21 volumes)
L69, Census of Leon County, 1825 (1 item)

L72, 2nd Circuit Court Estate Inventories and Appraisements, 1853-1879, 1883-1889, 1893-1894 (1 volume, 1 microfilm reel)
L73, 2nd Circuit Court Sales of Personal Estates, 1860-1889 (1 volume)
L74, 2nd Circuit Estate Register, 1874-1889 (1 volume)
L75, 2nd Circuit Orders at Chambers, 1845-1889 (1 volume, 1 microfilm reel)
L76, 2nd Circuit Letters Testamentary, Administration and Guardianship, 1841-1947 (3 volumes, 3 microfilm reels)
L77, 2nd Circuit Insanity Records, 1911-1933 (2 volumes)
L78, 2nd Circuit Petitions and Orders for Division or Sale of Real Estate, 1845-1867, 1885-1908 (2 volumes)
L85, Tallahassee, City Council Minutes, 1860-1920 (3 microfilm reels)
L231, Tallahassee-Leon County Consolidation Commission Records, 1990-1991 (2 cubic feet)
L344, 2nd Circuit Annual Returns of Estates, 1851-1892 (3 microfilm reels)
L345, 2nd Circuit Probate Files, 1827-1974 (74 microfilm reels)
L348, 2nd Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1920-1942 (1 microfilm reel)
L350, County Court Minutes, 1825-1833 (1 volume)
L355, Sheriff's Office Wanted Criminal Announcements, 1891-1906 (0.3 cubic foot)
L375, Tallahassee Fire Department Records, 1905-1940 (11 volumes)
L642, Tourist Development Council, Tallahassee-Leon County Tourism Promotional Videos and Photographs, 1960s-2003 (6 cubic feet)
L643, Downtown Improvement Authority, Downtown Tallahassee Photo Prints and Slides, circa 1973-2010 (700 slides, 200 photographic prints)
L649, Supervisor of Elections Voter Registration Books, 1894-1946, bulk 1906-1938 (239 volumes, 2 folders)

Levy

L158, 8th Circuit Deed Records, 1850-1932 (18 microfilm reels)

L159, 8th Circuit Marriage Records, 1854-1959 (17 microfilm reels)
L160, 8th Circuit Probate Records, 1847-1921 (2 microfilm reels)
L369, 8th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1917-1944 (1 microfilm reel)

Liberty

L161, 2nd Circuit Deed Records, 1857-1915 (3 microfilm reels)
L162, 2nd Circuit Marriage Records, 1857-1966 (4 microfilm reels)
L163, 2nd Circuit Probate Records, 1858-1945 (6 microfilm reels)

Madison

L164, 3rd Circuit Deed Records, 1831-1910 (23 microfilm reels)
L165, 3rd Circuit Marriage Records, 1831-1974 (15 microfilm reels)
L166, 3rd Circuit Probate Records, 1846-1935 (4 microfilm reels)
L293, 3rd Circuit Chancery Records, 1858-1950 (1 microfilm reel)
L294, 3rd Circuit Progress Docket, 1877-1927 (1 microfilm reel)
L295, 3rd Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1944 (1 microfilm reel)
L296, 3rd Circuit Minute Books, 1876-1892 (1 microfilm reel)
L297, 3rd Circuit Miscellaneous Circuit Court Records, 1913-1936 (1 microfilm reel)
L660, Turpentine leases, 1900s (156 gigabytes)

Manatee

L167, 12th Circuit Deed Records, 1856-1910 (13 microfilm reels)
L168, 12th Circuit Marriage Records, 1856-1952 (29 microfilm reels)
L169, 12th Circuit Probate Records, 1857-1936 (45 microfilm reels)
L286, 12th Circuit Military Discharges, 1917-1930 (1 microfilm reel)
L287, 12th Circuit Naturalization Records, 1880-1905 (1 microfilm reel)

Marion

L170, 5th Circuit Deed Records, 1844-1928 (82 microfilm reels)
L171, 5th Circuit Marriage Records, 1844-1975 (33 microfilm reels)
L172, 5th Circuit Probate Records, 1846-1925 (36 microfilm reels)

Martin

*No records available

Miami-Dade (*called Dade County until 1997)

L2, Miami Resolutions and Minutes of the City Commission, 1921-1986 (162.25 cubic feet)
L3, Miami Beach Auditorium and Convention Hall Event Files, 1960-1980 (19 cubic feet)
L8, Miami Office of The City Clerk Ordinances, 1912-1979 (85 cubic feet)
L25, Miami Tax Assessor's Building Records, 1950-1966 (8.5 cubic feet)
L33, North Miami City Council Minutes, 1926-1973 (67 volumes)
L34, North Miami Town Council Resolutions, 1926-1952 (9 volumes)
L79, North Miami Town Charter Board Minutes, 1952 (1 volume)
L115, 11th Circuit Deed Records, 1844-1902 (10 microfilm reels)
L116, 11th Circuit Marriage Records, 1840-1917 (1 microfilm reel)
L117, 11th Circuit Probate Records, 1869-1930 (9 microfilm reels)
L244, 11th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1918-1922 (1 microfilm reel)
L245, 11th Circuit Naturalization Records, 1876-1906 (1 microfilm reel)

Monroe

L173, 16th Circuit Deed Records, 1826-1927 (14 microfilm reels)
L174, 16th Circuit Marriage Records, 1826-1945 (41 microfilm reels)
L175, 16th Circuit Probate Records, 1826-1936 (8 microfilm reels)
L176, 16th Circuit Naturalization Records, 1848-1941 (1 microfilm reel)

Nassau

L177, 4th Circuit Deed Records, 1840-1935 (14 microfilm reels)
L178, 4th Circuit Marriage Records, 1867-1972 (7 microfilm reels)
L179, 4th Circuit Probate Records, 1865-1931 (3 microfilm reels)
L648, Fernandina Beach Burial Records and Death Certificates, 1896-1916 (1,200 items)

Okaloosa

L26, County Tax Collector's Office Tax Assessment Rolls, 1915-1943 (32 volumes)
L180, 1st Circuit Marriage Records, 1915-1931 (1 microfilm reel)
L181, 1st Circuit Will Book, 1916-1936 (1 microfilm reel)

Okeechobee

L182, 19th Circuit Marriage Records, 1917-1955 (2 microfilm reels)
L298, 19th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1946 (1 microfilm reel)
L299, 19th Circuit Deed Records, 1887-1918 (2 microfilm reels)

Orange (*called Mosquito County from 1824-1845)

L45, 9th Circuit Marriage Records, 1869-1951 (6 cubic feet, 41 microfilm reels)
L183, 9th Circuit Deed Records, 1843-1937 (70 microfilm reels)
L184, 9th Circuit Probate Records, 1869-1940 (17 microfilm reels)
L304, 9th Circuit Naturalization Records, 1906-1934 (1 microfilm reel)
L305, 9th Circuit Military Discharge Records, 1919-1933 (1 microfilm reel)

Osceola

L185, 9th Circuit Marriage Records, 1887-1953 (9 microfilm reels)
L363, 9th Circuit Deed Records, 1887-1901 (5 microfilm reels)
L364, 9th Circuit Record of Wills, 1915-1926 (1 microfilm reel)

Palm Beach

L19, Boca Raton City Charter Records, 1964-1965 (0.25 cubic foot)
L186, 15th Circuit Marriage Records, 1909-1926 (3 microfilm reels)
L187, 15th Circuit General Index to Estates, 1909-1961 (1 microfilm reel)

Pasco

L43, 6th Circuit Chancery Records, 1888-1966 (3 microfilm reels)
L80, County Tax Records, 1874-1898 (1 microfilm reel)
L81, 6th Circuit Deed Records, 1876-1953 (12 microfilm reels)
L82, 6th Circuit Probate Records, 1887-1967 (5 microfilm reels)
L83, Cartographic Records of Pasco County, 1884-1967 (1 microfilm reel)
L84, 6th Circuit Marriage Records, 1887-1972 (4 microfilm reels)
L338, 6th Circuit Naturalization Records, 1908-1931 (1 microfilm reel)
L340, 6th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1917-1967 (1 microfilm reel)

Pinellas

L12, Upham Beach Park Administrative Files, 1955-1972 (0.25 cubic foot)
L374, Tarpon Springs Resolutions, 1999-2019 (0.25 cubic foot)

Polk

L188, 10th Circuit Deed Records, 1862-1926 (45 microfilm reels)
L189, 10th Circuit Marriage Records, 1862-1951 (49 microfilm reels)
L190, 10th Circuit Probate Records, 1861-1975 (31 microfilm reels)

Putnam

L192, 7th Circuit Deed Records, 1849-1938 (54 microfilm reels)
L193, 7th Circuit Marriage Records, 1849-1974 (51 microfilm reels)
L194, 7th Circuit Probate Records, 1849-1919 (27 microfilm reels)

St. Johns

L195, 7th Circuit Deed Records, 1821-1925 (36 microfilm reels)
L196, 7th Circuit Marriage Records, 1823-1953 (19 microfilm reels)
L197, 7th Circuit Probate and Court Records, 1784-1953 (11 microfilm reels)
L198, 7th Circuit Court Records, 1763-1930 (74 microfilm reels)
L316, 7th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1944 (2 microfilm reels)

St. Lucie (*Post 1855. Prior to 1855, St. Lucie refers to the current Brevard County)

L199, 19th Circuit Will Books, 1905-1925 (2 microfilm reels)
L200, 19th Circuit Marriage Records, 1905-1948 (5 microfilm reels)

Santa Rosa

L44, 1st Circuit State Witness and Juror Payroll Lists, 1883-1923 (0.5 cubic foot)
L201, 1st Circuit Deed Records, 1834-1960 (15 microfilm reels)
L202, 1st Circuit Marriage Records, 1869-1956 (20 microfilm reels)
L203, 1st Circuit Probate Records, 1878-1960 (5 microfilm reels)
L204, Santa Rosa County Plat Book, 1827-1909 (1 microfilm reel)
L318, 1st Circuit Record of Instruments, 1906-1921 (1 microfilm reel)
L319, 1st Circuit Chancery Orders, 1892-1926 (1 microfilm reel)
L320, 1st Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1938 (1 microfilm reel)

Sarasota

L206, 12th Circuit Marriage Records, 1921-1982 (5 microfilm reels)
L317, 12th Circuit Probate Records, 1921-1990 (5 microfilm reels)

Seminole

L21, Altamonte Springs Town Clerk's Office Tax Records, 1921-1927 (0.5 cubic foot)
L207, 18th Circuit Marriage Records, 1913-1927 (7 microfilm reels)

L208, 18th Circuit Probate Records, 1912-1942 (6 microfilm reels)

Sumter

L31, County Tax Collector's Office Tax Assessment Rolls, 1892-1931, 1934-1935 (42 volumes)

L209, 5th Circuit Deed Records, 1853-1960 (35 microfilm reels)

L210, 5th Circuit Marriage Records, 1853-1953 (11 microfilm reels)

L211, 5th Circuit Probate Records, 1856-1974 (9 microfilm reels)

L321, 5th Circuit Military Discharge Records, 1919-1950 (1 microfilm reel)

Suwannee

L213, 3rd Circuit Deed Records, 1859-1937 (21 microfilm reels)

L214, 3rd Circuit Marriage Records, 1859-1951 (16 microfilm reels)

L215, 3rd Circuit Probate Records, 1860-1950 (19 microfilm reels)

L322, 3rd Circuit Miscellaneous Circuit Court Records, 1898-1955 (1 microfilm reel)

L323, 3rd Circuit Chancery Records, 1892-1937 (1 microfilm reel)

L324, 3rd Circuit Military Discharge Records, 1917-1919 (1 microfilm reel)

Taylor

L216, 3rd Circuit Deed Records, 1856-1957 (11 microfilm reels)

L217, 3rd Circuit Marriage Records, 1857-1955 (6 microfilm reels)

L218, 3rd Circuit Probate Records, 1870-1939 (4 microfilm reels)

L325, 3rd Circuit Chancery Records, 1861-1926 (2 microfilm reels)

L326, 3rd Circuit County Commissioners Records, 1864-1882 (1 microfilm reel)

L327, 3rd Circuit Court Records, 1895-1925 (3 microfilm reels)

L328, 3rd Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1920-1951 (1 microfilm reel)

Union

L219, 8th Circuit Deed Records, 1866-1921 (9 microfilm reels)

L220, 8th Circuit Marriage Records, 1921-1957 (5 microfilm reels)

L362, 8th Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1918-1946 (1 microfilm reel)

L370, 8th Circuit Chancery Records, 1921-1934 (1 microfilm reel)

L371, 8th Circuit Miscellaneous Records, 1897-1916 (1 microfilm reel)

Volusia

L35, Daytona City Tax Collector's Office Tax Records, 1884-1925 (32 volumes)

L36, Daytona City Clerk's Office Voter Registration Books, 1922-1925 (4 volumes)

L37, Daytona Beach City Tax Collector's Office Tax Records, 1920-1951 (53 volumes)

L38, Daytona Beach Town Clerk's Office voter Registration Book, 1906-1925 (1 volume)

L39, Seabreeze Town Tax Collector's Office Tax Records, 1908-1925 (12 volumes)

L40, Seabreeze Town Clerk's Office Voter Registration Book, 1912-1925 (1 volume)

L221, 7th Circuit Deed Records, 1856-1910 (17 microfilm reels)

L222, 7th Circuit Marriage Records, 1854-1944 (33 microfilm reels)

L223, 7th Circuit Probate Records, 1855-1962 (8 microfilm reels)

L330, 7th Circuit Naturalization Records, 1870-1931 (1 microfilm reel)

Wakulla

L224, 2nd Circuit Deed Records, 1835-1949 (7 microfilm reels)

L225, 2nd Circuit Marriage Records, 1892-1927 (1 microfilm reel)

L331, 2nd Circuit Probate Records, 1892-1952 (2 microfilm reels)

L332, 2nd Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1920-1942 (1 microfilm reel)

L333, 2nd Circuit Miscellaneous Circuit Court Records, 1892-1933 (1 microfilm reel)

Walton

L226, 1st Circuit Marriage Records, 1885-1972 (15 microfilm reels)

L227, 1st Circuit Probate Records, 1882-1944 (5 microfilm reels)

L334, 1st Circuit Deed Records, 1884-1936 (6 microfilm reels)

L336, 1st Circuit Soldiers and Sailors Discharge Records, 1919-1948 (1 microfilm reel)

Washington

L228, 14th Circuit Deed Records, 1880-1900 (6 microfilm reels)

L229, 14th Circuit Marriage Records, 1877-1973 (16 microfilm reels)

L230, 14th Circuit Probate Records, 1857-1946 (4 microfilm reels)

L335, 14th Circuit Miscellaneous Circuit Court Records, 1903-1961 (1 microfilm reel)

Multiple Counties

L48, Nineteenth Century County Records, 1826-1912 (0.5 cubic foot)

L644, Election 2000 Voted Ballots, 2000 (168 cubic feet)

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34725 West Boundary Road
Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation

Clewiston, Florida 33440
Email: museum@semtribe.com
Phone: 877.902.1113

[Bethune-Cookman University Archives](#)
640 Dr. Mary Mcleod Bethune Boulevard
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Email: whitec@cookman.edu
Phone: 386.481.2198

[The Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc.](#)
819 NW Second Ave.
Miami, FL 33136
Email: baf@bahlt.org
Phone: 786.708.4610

[Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Meek-Eaton Black Archives Research Center and Museum](#)
445 Gamble Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32307
Email: theblackarchives@famu.edu
Phone: 850.599.3020

[Tallahassee Community College John G. Riley Archives](#)
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304
Phone: 850.201.6540

[HistoryMiami Museum](#)
101 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33130
Email: archives@historymiami.org
Phone: 305.375.1623

[Florida State University Special Collections and Archives](#)
116 Honors Way

Tallahassee, FL 32306
Email: lib-specialcollections@fsu.edu
Phone: 850.644.3271

[University of Florida Special and Area Studies Collections](#)
1508 Union Road
Gainesville, FL 32611-7005
Email: special@uflib.ufl.edu
Phone: 352.273.2755

[University of Miami Special Collections](#)
1300 Memorial Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33124
Email: asc.library@miami.edu
Phone: 305.284.9552

[University of South Florida Special Collections and University Archives](#)
4202 E. Fowler Avenue LIB122
Tampa, FL 33620
Email: spcinfo@usf.edu
Phone: 813.974.2731

[University of West Florida Archives and West Florida History Center](#)
11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, FL 32514
Email: ddebolt@uwf.edu
Phone: 850.474.2213

[National Archives](#)
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740
Phone: 866.272.6272
Request Form: archives.gov/contact

Collection Development

The State Archives of Florida actively seeks to expand its holdings in the area of Black history and the experiences and culture of people of color in the state of Florida. Relevant collections include the records of individuals, families, social organizations, businesses or other non-public entities that document the personal, social, cultural, and economic experiences of Black Floridians' and their families. The Archives welcomes donations in the area of Black history, with the understanding that the collections will be made accessible to the public. The Archives also welcomes suggestions regarding possible acquisitions and the documentation of slavery and those that experienced it firsthand or its accounting by others in Florida.

All potential acquisitions are reviewed by staff to ensure that they conform to the guidelines outlined in the Archives' [Collection Development Policy](#). In general, the Archives will accept records in a wide variety of formats, including paper originals, microfilm, photographs, audio and video recordings, and digital. The Archives does not collect artifacts, newspapers, or materials not related to Florida, nor does the Archives purchase collections. For further information, comments or suggestions, contact the Archives' Collections Management staff at:

Florida Department of State, Bureau of Archives and Records Management, Mail Station 9E,
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250, phone 850.245.6750 (select option 5), or archives@dos.myflorida.com.

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