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Florida History Research Guide

Florida history is a special topic that is of interest to many different kinds of customers, including students of all ages, amateur and professional historians, teachers, etc. The types of questions encountered can range from the very broad, such as a customer wanting a general history of Osceola County, to the very specific, such as someone requesting a copy of the Florida Constitution of 1868. Many historical documents are now available online in digital formats, which is very useful to seekers of historical information. Though there are plenty of resources in both print and electronic formats, it can be beneficial to contact one of the many historical societies and history-related organizations located in the state for information.

Useful keywords/subject headings for searching

Florida Biography
Florida Historic Sites
Florida Historical Societies
Florida History

Call numbers to search under

975.9 – Florida history

Internet Links

Exploring Florida

<http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/>

A good source of Florida social studies resources for students and teachers. Contains maps, movies, photos, a Florida encyclopedia, and also a special collection of old 3D stereoview pictures that can be viewed with red-and-blue 3D glasses. Provided by the Florida Center for Instructional Technology, University of South Florida.

Florida Heritage Collection

<http://palmm.fcla.edu/fh/>

Provides access to an online, digitized collection of historical materials on Florida, including local history books and booklets, Civil War letters, advertising materials from the Florida Boom, etc. The collection is provided and maintained by the 10 universities in the State University System.

Florida Heritage Tourism Interactive Catalog

<http://www.flheritage.com/services/sites/fht/index.cfm>

This site allows you to search through an interactive catalog of historical sites in Florida. The catalog is searchable by county or by 23 theme categories including lighthouses, gardens, markers and monuments, parks, preserves and sanctuaries, national historic landmarks, museums and more. Provided by the Florida Dept. of State.



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Florida Historical Markers Program

http://www.flheritage.com/preservation/markers/markers_map.cfm

Provides information on historical sites represented in the state Historical Markers Program. The Florida Historical Marker Program recognizes historic resources, persons and events that are significant in the areas of architecture, archaeology, Florida history and traditional culture. Searchable by county.

Florida History & Heritage Collection

<http://diglib.lib.fsu.edu/ebind/docs/index.html#flhist>

Provides access to a digitized collection of historical resources on Florida, such as historical pamphlets, reports, narratives, etc. Provided by Florida State University.

Florida History Online

<http://www.unf.edu/floridahistoryonline/>

Florida History Online is a free digital archive of textual and visual documents of Florida history produced by students and faculty at the University of North Florida.

Florida Memory Project

<http://www.floridamemory.com/>

Presents a selection of historical records that illustrate significant moments in Florida history, educational resources for students of all ages and archival collections for historical research. Notable resources include the Florida Photographic Collection, which contains more than 850,000 photographs of Florida, and the Highlights of Florida History section, which contains digital copies of historical maps and documents. Provided by the State Library and Archives of Florida.

Florida on Florida

<http://bib10f-8.fcla.edu/cgi/b/bib/bib-idx>

Provides access to a digitized collection of Florida history related materials, including maps, photographs, postcards, books and manuscripts. Provided by the State Library and Archives of Florida.

Florida Postcard Collection

<http://scholar.library.miami.edu/cards/>

This online collection contains over 5,000 postcards of Florida buildings, landmarks, cities and towns, tourist attractions and other views. Many images depict buildings, structures, and scenes no longer in existence. Provided by the Special Collections Division of the University of Miami Libraries.

Floridiana on the Web

<http://www.lib.usf.edu/lds/digitalcollections/F03/html/index.html>

Includes documents, images, and audio & video recordings on the history and culture of Florida drawn from collections held throughout the USF Libraries.



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P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History

<http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/pkyonge/index.html>

Provides online access to a large collection of photographs, manuscripts, maps, newspaper articles and more on topics in Florida history. Provided by the University of Florida.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Maps of Florida

<http://palmm.fcla.edu/sanborn/>

Provides an online collection of more than 3,000 map sheets dating from 1860 through 1923. Digitized maps are in the public domain and illustrate the development of more than 130 Florida cities. Provided by the University of Central Florida Library.

Databases

America's Newspapers

America's Newspapers contains indexed articles from 30 Florida newspapers, including the Orlando Sentinel, St. Petersburg Times, and the Florida Times Union.

Grolier Online

This suite of Reference materials provides many profiles of varying aspects of Florida history. The *Lands and Peoples* and *America the Beautiful* modules may be particular helpful.

KidsInfoBits

KidsInfoBits includes several articles containing basic historical information on Florida. Search by keyword or look in the Geography/U.S. States section for information.

Print resources

The Encyclopedia of Florida

REF 975.9 ENC (Copy in Reference at Central)

A comprehensive encyclopedia of Florida in 2 volumes.

Florida: A Short History

975.9 GAN (Copies at Central and all major branches)

In addition to its comprehensive history of Florida, this book provides a nice bibliography of other titles on Florida history.

Florida Biographical Dictionary: People of all Times and Places Who Have Been Important to the History and Life of the State

REF 920.759 FLO (Copies in Reference at Central)

The stated purpose of this book is to detail the lives and activities of those persons, past and present, which have made history or news in Florida.

Florida Cowman: A History of Florida Cattle Raising

636.2 AKE (Copies at Central and all major branches)

A detailed history of Florida's "cowman" and the state's culture of raising cattle.



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REF 975.9 BAM (Copy in Reference at Central)

A short study guide to Florida's history that includes exercises and quizzes after each section.

Florida's Past: People and Events that Shaped the State

REF 975.9 BUR (Copies in Reference at Central and all major branches)

A collection of essays on Florida history written by Gene Burnett in Florida Trend magazine over 14 years. 2 volume set.

Florida Portrait: A Pictorial History of Florida

975.9 SHO (Copies at Central and all major branches)

Contains hundreds of rare photographs chronicling Florida's early history up to the modern era.

Native Americans in Florida

975.9 MCC (Copies in Reference and Non-fiction at Central and all major branches)

A thorough account of Florida's Native American tribes and their history.

Pop Culture Florida

975.9 GOS (Copies in Non-fiction at Central and St. Cloud and in Reference at Poinciana)

A history of the people and events that have played a part in the pop history of Florida from 1945 to the present.

The Story of Florida

REF 975.9 CAS (Copy in Reference at Central)

Though published in 1938, this large 4 volume set contains a detailed account of the early history of Florida.

Local Contacts

Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network

John G. Riley Center/Museum of African American History & Culture

419 East Jefferson Street

Tallahassee, FL 323601

(850) 681-7881

<http://www.rileymuseum.org/flnetwork.htm>

Florida Dept. of State's Office of Cultural and Historical Programs

500 S. Bronough Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

(850) 245-6300

<http://www.flheritage.com/>



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Florida Historical Society

435 Brevard Avenue

Cocoa, FL 32922

(321) 690-1971

www.florida-historical-soc.org/

State Library & Archives of Florida

R.A. Gray Building

500 South Bronough Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

(850) 245-6600

<http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/index.cfm>