Mythology & Evidence: Further Exploration

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Timeline

1851                   General Assembly legislation to create the Seminaries East & West of the Suwannee
1853                   East Seminary - Ocala
1854                   City creates the Florida Institute (male)
1856                   The City’s second offer to the Legislature is accepted
1857 – 1863            The West Florida Seminary
1858                   Absorbed the Leon Female Academy (est. 1843)
1861                   Military curriculum added
1863 – 1865            Florida Military & Collegiate Institute (unratified)
1865 – 1901            West Florida Seminary
1883 – 1885            Florida University – WFS is “Literary College & Medical”
1884                   First diplomas
1901 – 1905            Florida State College (coeducational)
1905 – 1909            Florida Female College (Buckman Act)
1905 – 1947            Florida State College for Women
1947 – present         Florida State University
Panel & Task Force

2017-18 President’s Advisory Panel on Namings & Recognitions
2020-21 President’s Anti-Racism Task Force
Parallel Research
Francis W. Eppes/Eppes Hall
1918/1997

B.K. Roberts Hall – College of Law
1971
16 YEARS A FOUNDER


With A Postscript - June, 2020

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A Note of Explanation About This Paper

This paper comes from the main results of combined research I conducted between 2012 and 2018 to help me understand why FSU had not identified its “Founder” until almost 150 years after the founding was said to have been done. As noted, FSU faculty member “Psychology, 1988-2003” had been the one to point out that year and I used the resulting result in my research to show just how important it was for FSU to correct the error.

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Research
West Florida Seminary &
Slavery

Contract for the City School House

According to published notice (October, the pro-
prietors of the City School House) the pro-
prietors of the City School House were engaged on
Monday last, at a meeting of the Interchange and Com-
mittee, for the erection of a building.

They were to be built in layers of brick. There were
found to be 150,000 bricks. The cost of the
work was estimated at $25,000. The building
was to be erected in two years. The initial
work on the west side of the building was to

be completed by the middle of the year. When
completed, it will be the most beautiful in the
city.

The site for the building was to be
located on the corner of Washington Street
and the St. Louis Avenue. The building was
designed to accommodate the growing
population of the city. It was to be a place
where the children of the city could receive

an education. The building was to be
constructed of brick, and the framework
was to be of iron. The roof was to be
covered with slate. The windows were
to be of glass. The interior was to be

furnished with wood. The building was to

be completed by the middle of the year. When
completed, it will be the most beautiful in the
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