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Archive Spotlight

Historical Society of Palm Beach County
By Rose Guerrero

The founding families of Palm Beach County created the Historical Society in 1937 when they realized that their histories were being lost by old age. At first, they were a small group of locals interested in sharing history and lectures but quickly shifted to collecting when A.S. Bussey donated several black and white photographs of a Palm Beach street scene to the Society.

Over the last 85 years, multiple generations of families have donated their family treasures and added missing pieces to our archives. One of those families, the Chillingworth family, first arrived in the Lake Worth area in the early 1890s and descendants continued to make major impacts in the adjacent area for decades. In 2021 descendants of the Chillingworth family added to their archival footprint and filled in important puzzle pieces of our community history by sharing additional images and documents from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Historical Society is proud to protect this legacy and share the many stories with our community making them accessible beyond the garage and attic.



Photo of Richard J. Chillingworth, 1905
Courtesy of the Palm Beach History Society

Message from the President



Dear fellow Florida Archivists,
Happy Holidays! I hope the new year brings you all that you hope and want it to bring to you. As this is the season of giving, I hope that you all will take a moment to think about all of the ways, no matter how big or how small, that

you have given back to your profession, your own institution/place of work, your personal life, and your own work at your archive. This year, I hope to help guide SFA into some new areas, based on the survey results of the membership from the survey SFA sent out earlier this year. Be on the lookout for more information and results from this survey throughout this coming year.

I also hope that you all will plan on joining us in Tallahassee in May 2023 for the 40th Annual Meeting of the Society of Florida Archivists. More information on this landmark conference will be coming in the near future.

Finally, I hope that all of you will consider giving back to SFA in volunteering your time to serve on a committee. SFA is only as strong as we make it, and I hope that we will have a robust set of volunteers to serve on our various committees. The time commitment for serving on most of our committees varies, but generally is less than an hour per month, with the most time being spent in the first half of the year as we approach the Annual Meeting. There are, of course, exceptions to this time commitment based on committee. We will also be seeking nominations, including self-nominations, for the Executive Board, which can take closer to 2-3 hours per month in commitment.



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<http://www.florida-archivists.org/committees>



Call for Papers: Society of Florida Archivist Journal, No.4 (2023)

SFAJ is a peer-reviewed, open access, fully online publication by and for archives professionals and those in allied professions. It aims to foster exciting conversations about progressive archival approaches and best practices in the state of Florida and beyond. Recent issues of SFAJ can be found online at: <https://journals.flvc.org/sfaj/issue/archive>.

For more detailed information about the mission, focus, and scope of the publication and for a full explanation of the peer review process, please visit the "About" page of the SFAJ website.

What to submit?

SFAJ welcomes papers touching on a range of relevant professional topics including, but not limited to: archival education and career paths, electronic and digital records, metadata and documentation standards, special formats and preservation strategies, community outreach, classroom instruction, professional ethics, collaboration, and any Florida-specific themes of interest to archivists.

Because the 2023 issue (No.4) will be celebrating 40 years of the Society of Florida Archivists as an organization and 5 years of SFAJ as a publication, its aim will be highlighting the ongoing critical advocacy work and innovation of archivists, with a special focus on the diversity of their collections and the many hats they wear as information professionals and memory workers.

Submissions may take many different forms. Below are some examples:

- Research papers
- Case studies
- Reflective essays
- Book reviews
- Tool reviews
- Nontraditional pieces

Who can submit to SFAJ?

- Because scholarly conversation always benefits from a full spectrum of perspectives and viewpoints, SFAJ welcomes solo submitters as well as collaborators.
- Our authors work in a variety of settings including archives, libraries, museums, special collections, historical societies, government agencies, and corporate environments.
- Anyone may submit work, but priority will be given to contributors writing about archival work in the state of Florida or with connections to Florida archivists and collections.

How and when to submit?

SFAJ has an open and rolling submission policy. New content is submitted to the Journal at any time throughout the calendar year, and, in an effort to provide content to readers as quickly as possible, single articles are published and announced online as they are ready.

To submit material to the journal, please contact the Editors (named below) at FloridaArchivists.Journal@gmail.com. Likewise, reach out if you have questions about the editorial process, the timeline of publication, or would like to brainstorm a potential submission.

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The Boca Raton News is now in [Newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)

By Susan Gillis

We are very pleased to announce that the Boca Raton News 1955-2009 and its predecessors The Pelican and the Weekly Tattler are all available through newspapers.com which is a subscription service. You can research the database for free, however, at the Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum during business hours (free to members but there is an admission fee for non-members) and at the Boca Raton Public Library. Also, our database for local newspapers through 1970 is still free via our website, <https://www.bocahistory.org/newspapers>. This is a great accomplishment as we join the ranks of local papers like the Fort Lauderdale News, the Sun Sentinel, and the Palm Beach Post in one giant database. We want to sincerely thank copyright holder Craig Swill and our friend Matthew Cook at newspapers.com for making this wonderful research tool possible.



The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum which is overseen by the Boca Raton Historical Society is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

The museum is located in Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton.

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Palm Beach Historical Society

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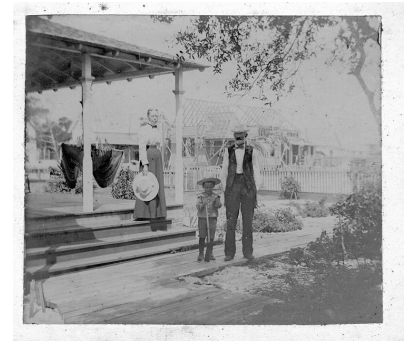
All the following photos courtesy of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County

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Charles Chilingworth homes, est. 1903.
Site of the Current Harvey Building.

Richard J. Chillingworth and Walter at home on Datura Street.



Richard J. Chillingworth and Walter at home in Pineapple field.

The Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum which is overseen by the Historical Society of Palm Beach County is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

The museum is located on the 2nd floor of the restored 1916 Courthouse, 300 North Dixie Highway, in downtown West Palm Beach.

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Message from the President

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We will be putting out a call for volunteers for committees, and for the Executive Board, soon, so please take a moment to look through the committee descriptions on our website: <https://floridaarchivists.wildapricot.org/administrative-documents>. If you have any questions at all about volunteering, what committees do, what Executive Board members do, time commitment, or anything else to do with volunteering with SFA, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at sarah.coates AT ufl.edu or 352-273-2817.

With warm wishes for a bright and happy New Year,

Sarah Coates
President, Society of Florida Archivists

Welcome New SFA Members!!

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