

# The Indian River Journal



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## Oxford Companion to Exploration (2007)

An Encyclopedia of Worldwide Exploration and Discovery  
Extract of the Entry for "Juan Ponce de León"

### **Ponce de León, Juan (1474-1521)**

Juan Ponce de León was born in 1474 in San Tervas del Campo, Valladolid province, in central Spain. The distinguished León family dynasty was among the first to join Queen Isabella in her bid to bring together the many feudal warlords in Castile and Aragon under one Spanish monarchy. Previous historical works related to Ponce de León erroneously report that he was born from humble birth in the year 1460. The prominent scholar Aurelio Tio in a search of both private and public archives in Spain documented that Juan Ponce de León was born in 1474 of noble birth and that he was the brother of the celebrated general Rodrigo Ponce de León. Aurelio Tio's findings are reported in Samuel Eliot Morison's account of Ponce de León and his 1513 voyage in *The European Discovery of America* (1974).



At age nineteen, already a seasoned warrior, Juan Ponce de León joined Christopher Columbus's second voyage to serve the crown in the Indies, where he distinguished himself by subduing, colonizing, and governing the island later known as Puerto Rico. In 1513, Ponce de León decided to move on to a more exciting and profitable exploration voyage. His seven-month, 7980-nautical-mile exploration voyage into unknown waters, set the stage for subsequent European colonization in North America. Yet past and current historical literature degrades the discoveries and accomplishments of Ponce de León by erroneously picturing him as a vain conquistador who only stumbled into Florida while looking for a mythical fountain of youth. His charter from the crown authorized him to seek and conquer the rumored wealthy island or land of Beimeni to extend the Spanish empire, with no mention of a fountain of youth. And contrary to current consensus he landed at Melbourne Beach, 125 miles south of St. Augustine, the generally accepted landing site on the shore of Florida (Gannon; Peck).

The native inhabitants of the New World did not have a fountain of youth in their legends nor was Ponce de León looking for it. The Arabic legend of a fountain of youth was introduced into European literature by the epic, medieval French, *Roman d'Alexandre* (1935). Peter Martyr (Pietro Martire d' Anghiera) later associated the Eurasian legend of a fountain of youth with the New World, locating it in the Bay of Honduras, but did not tie it to Ponce de León's voyage (McNutt). The sixteenth-century historian Gonzalo Fernandez de Oviedo was solely responsible for attaching the legend to Juan Ponce's voyage and to Florida adding an unfounded comment that the relatively young and virile Juan Ponce was looking for a fountain of youth to cure his sexual impotence.

Juan Ponce de León died in 1521 from wounds received in a doomed attempt to found a colony among the indomitable Calusa in Florida. This failure, hardly unique in the period, should not detract from his epic 1513 voyage that opened the shores of North America to European colonization.

Douglas T. Peck  
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In 2013 a five-hundredth anniversary celebration is being planned in Brevard and throughout Florida to commemorate the discovery of Florida. Watch for more details as the time approaches.

## Rogero Family

By Weona Cleveland and

Dr. Andrew Turnbull's experimental colony of Minorcans, Greeks and Italians brought the families of Rogero and Vila to New Smyrna in 1768. Eleven-year-old Alberto Rogero and eight-year-old Antonia Vila were among the colonists. In 1782 the two were married in St. Augustine and thus launched the dynasty of the Rogero family who, several generations later, came to live in Brevard County. Albert Rogero, born on April 4, 1861 at Toco, Florida, on the St. Johns River, must have inherited the wanderlust gene in his family. Although he worked at various times for the railroad (presumably the Florida East Coast Railway) and the gas company in Jacksonville, some time during his youth he had made a trip down the coast to Merritt Island. He fell in love with the Indian River area and made several trips to the island before his marriage to Evelyn Isabel Hernandez in 1896.

By the year 1902 he had talked his wife into moving to Merritt Island - specifically to the little community of Georgiana where there was a house on a bluff overlooking the Indian River and an orange grove nearby. They shipped their furniture down (by rail presumably), Albert brought his large launch down, and Evelyn, with children Ethel and Albert, came on the train and then by steamer to Georgiana. They rented the "Sanderson place," according to an item in the East Coast Advocate of Dec. 5, 1902.

On May 14, 1903, daughter Louise was born, her birth duly announced in the East Coast Advocate of May 29, 1903. In later years Louise was fond of telling the story of her birth: "My mother sent to New Smyrna to get a priest to come and christen me. There was no Catholic priest in Brevard County. But the priest was accommodating, so he came down and spent the night in our house. The next morning when he got ready to baptize me, my mother had a bottle of holy water, but he said no, he did not want that water. So he went down to the river and dipped up a cup of salt water and that's what he baptized me with."

Another story Louise liked to tell was of a trip to the beach during her early years.

"My dad was a person who did things when he felt like it - and this was a beautiful morning when dad said, 'oh, mamma lets go to the beach.' To go to the beach we had to go from Georgiana down the Indian River, 10 miles or more and then north up the Banana River. We were a little way up the Banana River when it started to rain. All we had to cover ourselves with was a tarpaulin, as this was a little open boat. We kids pulled the tarpaulin over our heads and my dad could barely see to drive the boat - because the air was just white with rain. But he saw a light, steered toward the light and the light was on a big fishing boat, with a cabin. Dad pulled along side the boat and asked the fisher-

men if we could get aboard. We had never seen the men before but they welcomed us aboard and we stayed in the cabin until the storm was over. The reason we were so deathly afraid was there was a particular place in the Banana River where it got very rough and many people had drowned there when their boat had turned over.

"When the rain stopped we got back in our little boat and went up to what we called Oceanus - which I think now is between Patrick Air Force Base and Cocoa Beach. We landed the boat at an old broken down dock and walked across the land to the ocean. There was a house that someone had lived in years before, but the windows were all out. Dad put cheesecloth on the windows to keep the mosquitoes out. We built a campfire outside to fix our meals. Of course we had time for us kids to take a swim in the ocean that night. We slept on pads on the floor of the house. Mother had brought some camping things - canned corn beef, canned milk, bread and probably some lean bacon. We spent two nights there and just played in the ocean during the day. The last night we children woke up and said, 'Momma, something is biting us.' We were being stung by sandflies. So momma took us down to the ocean, just above the water line and we laid down there and slept the rest of the night, as the breeze blew the sandflies away.

"There was one other thing that happened that last night. We were sitting on the little porch after our supper when Ethel said, 'Daddy, there's something in the ocean floating up this way.' Dad looked out and said, 'That's a turtle.' Our little dog saw it and she ran out. My dad and older brother, Albert, ran and grabbed the turtle as it turned to go back in the ocean. It took all the strength my father and brother had to flip the turtle over, then they dragged it to shore and butchered it. They divided the meat with the fishermen who were camped over on the river side. We took the rest of it home and Dad salted the turtle down. It lasted us for quite a while."

There were no doctors on Merritt Island when Louise was a young girl. She remembered that one day her brother Albert stuck a little rifle shell up his nose. He could not get it out and his mother had no success in removing it. Their father put Albert in a rowboat he borrowed from a neighbor and started the journey to Cocoa. While crossing the Indian River Albert took his shoes off and put his feet in the water. The cool water made him sneeze and out came the rifle shell!

Louise started school at the Georgiana one-room schoolhouse. Her teacher was Maggie Carter who taught all grades. (In the 1970s the building still stood. Louise and I made a visit to it.)

There were two winters when the Rogero family went to live in Elkton, just south of St. Augustine. This was so the children could have the training re-

quired by the Catholic Church and take their first communion. Albert Rogero constructed a covered wagon for the journey. His children Ethel and Albert rode with him while Louise, Joseph and their mother went by train. "We left our house in Georgiana with all the furniture still in it," recalled Louise. "When we returned, everything was still there. No one bothered things in those days."

Albert Rogero started a boat service at Georgiana with a boat he named the Mystic. He left home before dawn, went down the island to Eau Gallie and then back up the mainland shore to Cocoa, stopping at docks where produce had been put out. The produce was shipped by rail out of Cocoa. He made this trip twice daily and often did not get home until after 10 p.m. He also took passengers with him. This routine wore his health down and eventually he closed his boat service and took five years to regain his health. (An item in the East Coast Advocate said that he spent some time in the mountains around Asheville, N.C.)



### **The Mystic**

It is believed that the woman standing on the boat on the left is Ella Rossetter, and the woman on the right is Carrie Rossetter.

(Photo from the Rossetter House Museum & Gardens collection)

The family eventually moved to Eau Gallie, apparently for three reasons: Albert Rogero did not like the mosquitoes that bothered him on Merritt Island, his wife was pregnant with their fourth child and there was no doctor at Georgiana and his older children were near high school age. Georgiana had no high school.

Albert Rogero first bought a small home in Eau Gallie, but then he built a two-story building which housed two shops downstairs. The family lived upstairs. At one time one of the downstairs tenants was a black barber. "Everyone in Eau Gallie loved him," Louise once recalled, "but later the Ku Klux Klan scared him out of town."

While living in Eau Gallie, Albert Rogero continued to go to Georgiana to take care of the citrus grove there.

Ethel Rogero, Louise's sister, was six years older than Louise. After graduating from the high school in Eau Gallie she began teaching in small country schools. Louise did not want to be a "copy cat," so her ambition was to be a nurse. But Mama Rogero had firm beliefs that young women should not be nursing men. So Louise went to teach in the little country school at San Antonio, Florida after she graduated from high school. "I enjoyed teaching," recalled Louise, "so I decided if I was going to keep teaching I would have to go to college. That's when I got my two-year degree." (Florida State College for Women - now Florida State University.) She later got a four-year degree.

Albert Rogero was ever restless. Sometime in the early twenties he had an opportunity to sell the building he had built in Eau Gallie. He and his wife moved to St. Cloud where they ran a rooming house and a small restaurant. Louise at that time was teaching school in Cedar Key.

The Rogeros missed the Indian River, so after a while they moved back to Brevard County, buying a lot on Oak Street in Melbourne, where Albert built a garage, first, thinking he would build a house. But that never happened. They moved to a lot on Hickory Street, near Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, where Albert did build a house.

By that time Louise was teaching school in Grant. Her father was occupied as a plumber in Melbourne (as he had been in Eau Gallie) but felt he needed to get out in the country where he could raise a garden and have some chickens. So he and his wife moved to John Rodes Boulevard. After his garden was established he peddled vegetables around Melbourne.

Louise taught school in many Brevard County schools, but when her sister, Ethel died in child birth in 1930, she became the care-giver of her nieces and nephews. She asked for a transfer to the Melbourne Elementary School and came to live in the house on Lake Street in Melbourne. Albert Rogero died in 1947, his wife in 1951. Louise died in 1992 at the age of 88. She had been an active member of the South Brevard Historical Society for many years.

*(I want to thank Marie Tyson, Louise Rogero's niece, for giving me transcripts of several tape recordings that were done with Louise in her later years.)*

# I Dream of Jeannie Lane Cocoa Beach

By Joe R. Morgan

I Dream of Jeannie was a part of Cocoa Beach in the 1960s when the American television sitcom was created as a fantasy premise. The TV show starred Barbara Eden as a 2000-year old female genie and Larry Hagman as an astronaut. He becomes her master, whom she falls in love with and eventually marries.

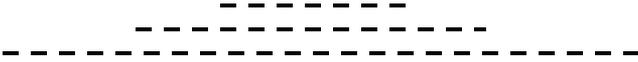


The show ran from 1965 to 1979 with 139 episodes and won the hearts of America. Although the series was set in and around Cape Canaveral and Astronaut/Hagman lived in Cocoa Beach, the actual buildings were at Edwards Air Force Base, north of Los Angeles.

The cast and crew made a visit to Cocoa Beach in 1969 and was welcome by a parade, by Cocoa Beach City officials and fans with a dinner at the Surf restaurant. They then went to the Lee Caron Carnival Club where Barbara Eden was showered with gifts and kissed astronaut Buss Aldrin on the cheek. This was just two weeks before the Apollo 11 launch to the moon.

Barbara Eden returned 27 years later, in July 1996, as a feature speaker at the Kennedy Space Center, where this street sign was presented to Barbara Eden by Cocoa Beach Mayor Joe R. Morgan for her outstanding acting and enhance-

ment of the Community. "I Dream of Jeannie" street sign is located at the south entrance to the Lori Wilson Park located on the beaches of the Atlantic Ocean.



# Landmark Guide To Historic Brevard County

The Landmark Guide Provides the location and a brief description of some of the historical landmarks in Brevard County. We haven't gotten them all in there yet but we're working towards that end. In the meantime enjoy the 80 that we have documented. Get your copy free of charge through the Brevard County Historical Commission by writing , calling or emailing us.

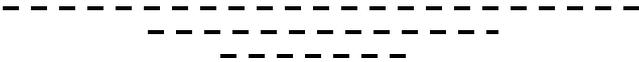
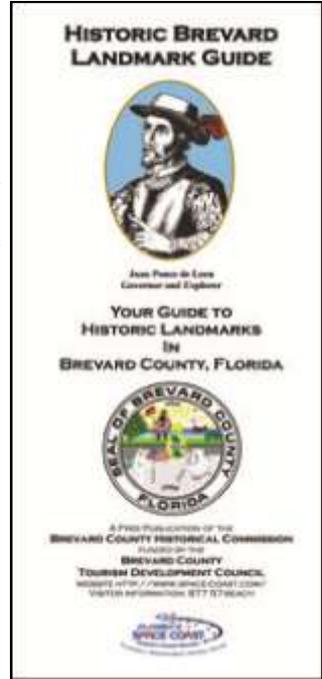
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*We have Brevard County History Books available  
See the inside back cover for details*

# Florida Frontiers: The Weekly Radio Magazine Of The Florida Historical Society

By Dr. Ben Brotemarkle

The Florida Historical Society is proudly based in Brevard County. Created in St. Augustine in 1856, The Florida Historical Society is the oldest existing cultural organization in the state, and Florida's only state-wide historical society. While operations ceased during the American Civil War, the Florida Historical Society was reestablished in 1902, and incorporated in 1905. The Society is dedicated to preserving Florida's past through the collection and archival maintenance of historical documents and photographs, the publication of scholarly research on Florida history, and educating the public about Florida history through a variety of public history and historic preservation projects. The Florida Historical Society headquarters are located in the Library of Florida History in historic Cocoa Village. Our building was originally a United States Post Office built in 1939. The Society operates the Florida Historical Society Press which publishes a diverse selection of interesting books, maintains the Library of Florida History with its extensive archival collections, manages the Historic Rossetter House Museum in Eau Gallie, and serves as host for the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) East Central Region. We publish scholarly research in the critically acclaimed *Florida Historical Quarterly* and host fascinating panel discussions and other public events at the Annual Meeting in May.

*Florida Frontiers: The Weekly Radio Magazine of the Florida Historical Society* is a weekly, half-hour radio program currently airing on public radio stations around the state. The program is a combination of interview segments and produced features covering history-based events, exhibitions, activities, places, and people in Florida. The program explores the relevance of Florida history to contemporary society and promotes awareness of heritage and culture tourism options in the state. *Florida Frontiers* joins the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and the publications of the Florida Historical Society Press as another powerful tool to fulfill the Society's mission of collecting and disseminating information about the history of Florida.

In Brevard County, *Florida Frontiers* can be heard Thursday evenings at 6:30 and Sunday afternoons at 4:00 on 90.7 WMFE, and Sunday mornings at 7:00 on 89.5 WFIT. Our radio features on Brevard County history include: The Rossetter House Museum, Revisiting the Windover Dig, the Brevard Theatrical Ensemble's "Mosquitos, Alligators, and Determination," Brevard County singer/songwriter Chris Kahl, The Legacy of Harry T. Moore, A Walking Tour of LaGrange Cemetery, Pat Duggins "Final Countdown: NASA and the End of

the Space Shuttle Program,” The Apollo Monument at Titusville Space View Park, The Library of Florida History, the Cocoa Beach Surf Museum, Derby Street Chapel, the Save Space Project, the Harry T. Moore Home Replica, and the Mosquito Beaters 25th Anniversary.

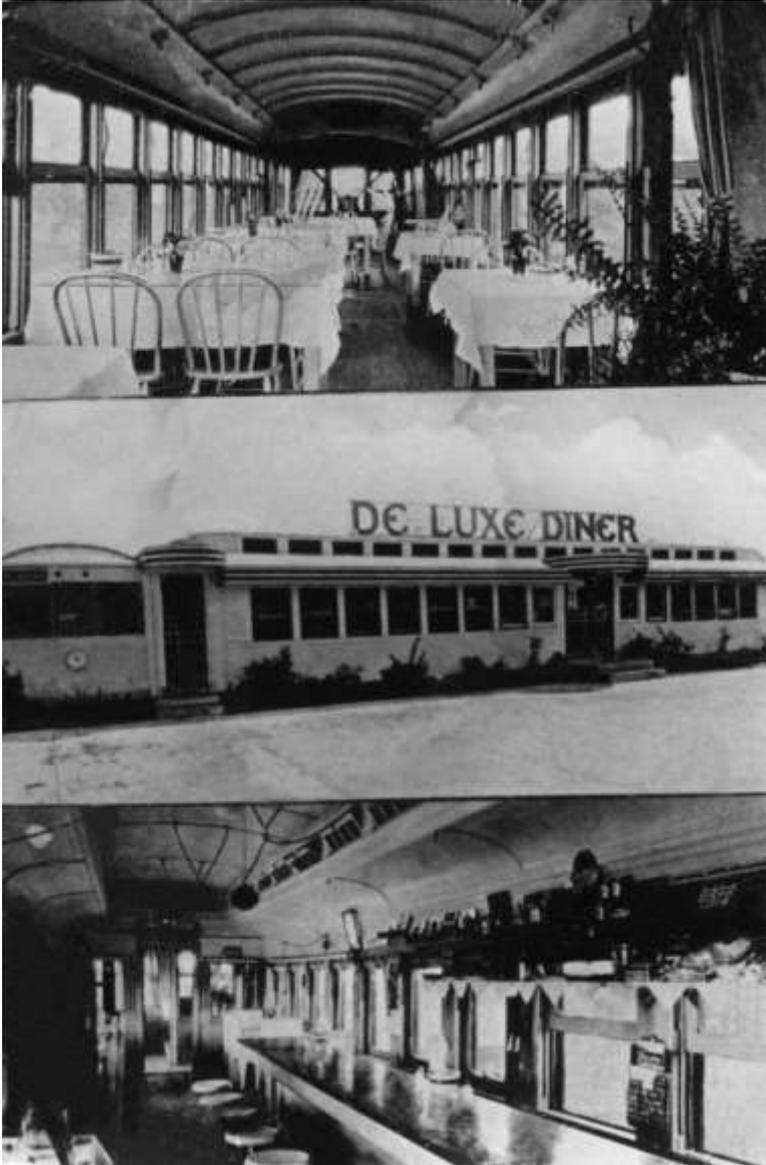
Recent broadcasts of *Florida Frontiers* have included visits to the Fort Lauderdale History Center, the Historic State Capitol Building, the Ponce Inlet Light Station, and Historic Ybor City. Profiles of Stetson Kennedy, Patrick Smith, Clyde Butcher and Betty Mae Jumper have been featured. The 450th anniversary of the DeLuna expedition, the 75th anniversary of the Winter Park Bach Festival, the 50th anniversary of Jacksonville’s Ax Handle Saturday, and the 25th anniversary of the Mosquito Beaters Annual Gathering have been documented. Upcoming programs will include discussions about religion in Florida with Michael Gannon, reflections on the natural environment of Florida in the works of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, a dramatic portrayal of Pedro Menendez, and poetry from the Second Seminole Indian War.

Florida Historical Society Executive Director Ben Brotemarkle is producer and host of *Florida Frontiers*, with weekly contributions from assistant producers Janie Gould and Bill Dudley. From 1992-2000, Brotemarkle was creator, producer, and host of the hour-long weekly radio magazine *The Arts Connection* on 90.7 WMFE in Orlando, and he was a full-time Humanities professor at Brevard Community College from 2000-2008, where he was named Distinguished Educator and the Barnes and Noble College Booksellers Endowed Faculty Chair of Academic Excellence. In 2005, Gould became Oral History Specialist at 88.9 WQCS in Ft. Pierce. Since 1993, Dudley has been producing an ongoing series of radio reports for the Florida Humanities Council.

The program is currently broadcast on 90.7 WMFE Orlando, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m and Sundays at 4:00 pm.; 88.1 WUWF Pensacola, Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.; 89.9 WJCT Jacksonville, Mondays at 6:30 pm; 89.5 WFIT Melbourne, Sundays at 7:00 a.m.; and 88.9 WQCS (HD2) Ft. Pierce, Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Additional public radio stations are expected to add *Florida Frontiers* to their schedules later in 2010. The program is archived on the Florida Historical Society web site and accessible any time at [www.myfloridahistory.org](http://www.myfloridahistory.org).

*Florida Frontiers: The Weekly Radio Magazine of the Florida Historical Society* is made possible in part by the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Jessie Ball duPont Fund; and by the Brevard County Board of Commissioners through the Brevard Cultural Alliance, Inc.

## The Del uxe Diner



### **Restored Interior & Exterior**



### **The Diner Before being Torn Down**

The Deluxe Diner was located at the corner of US 1 and Broad Street in Titusville, Florida. The Baldwin Shopping Plaza now occupies the site. We don't have much more information than what is found on the back of one of these post cards. It tells an interesting story of a German spy who arrived via a submarine. He was later caught in Chicago. The information is shown on the next page.

There is documented evidence about German submarine activity off the Florida coast as well as other states along the East coast. There is also evidence of German spies coming ashore. Without specific information, it is difficult to corroborate this story. If you have information about the Deluxe Diner or the German spy, we would like to hear from you. Please send any information to the Editor, c/o Brevard County Historical Commission, 801 Dixon Blvd., (Byrd Plaza), Suite 1110, Cocoa Florida, 32922.

Pictures and Post Cards are courtesy of The Historical Society of North Brevard. A display is planned at the museum, until then, you can view these pictures using the following URL: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/ed\\_kindle/sets/72157624173611297/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/ed_kindle/sets/72157624173611297/).

Dined from 1940 - 1950  
 Never closed day or night,  
 Entertained Kuonians - Rotary Clubs  
 Fed all night buses -  
 Army convoys - on way to Key West.  
 From 30 - 50 trucks at one time.

Fed 10,000 drafties every one  
 from Key West <sup>to and</sup> including Ft. Russell  
 etc on Gov. Couchard - That was included  
 in to the Savine.

In the 2nd wk. in Diner, I fed 9 Ger-  
 man Spy - Came to close in 9 Sub-  
 marine. Brought to Diner by a  
 (sympathizer) Order Fish & Chips, we  
 Ray (French fries) Jobbed his food  
 without talking. Paid his Bill  
 and disappeared - Was picked up in  
 Chicago later. (Business was slow)  
 Then 7-14-21 yards were put on  
 Bridges. then licensees picked up  
 at one time we had 21 employees.

## Washington Avenue in Days Gone By Titusville

Pictures and Post Cards of Washington Avenue are courtesy of The Historical Society of North Brevard. A display is planned at the museum, until then, you can view these pictures and more of Titusville using the following URL: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/ed\\_kindle/sets/72157603389474237/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/ed_kindle/sets/72157603389474237/).



## U.S. Air Force Space & Missile History Center—Cape Canaveral AFS

August 14, 2010

A new museum devoted to the history of the nation's space program opened on August 14, 2010 just outside the gates of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

The U.S. Air Force Space & Missile History Center is in the auditorium of the old Space Florida building next to Gate 1, also known as the South Gate, at the air base.

The new museum, a part of the Air Force Space & Missile Museum, which is located in a secure area of the base, will be free and open to the public six days a week.

The on-base museum is open to the public through a bus tour at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex or a monthly Air Force tour that requires reservations.

### Hours

The Space & Missile History Center, which also includes a gift shop, will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Sundays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Historical Records Archive of the Historical Commission has a lot of reference material in its collections and could prove to be a valuable research source. The Historical Records Archive is normally open for research during standard business hours. Please call first to ensure that someone will be there to assist you. The Historical Records Archive is located in the Byrd Plaza at 801 Dixon Blvd., Suite 1110, Cocoa, FL 32922. The Archive can be reached by telephone at 321-433-4415.

**The Florida State Legislature passed legislation in 1854 creating Brevard County. The Governor didn't sign the legislation until early 1855 and thus started a creation-year controversy which is still debated today.**

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## ABOUT THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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The Brevard County Historical Commission was established in 1963 by ordinance of Brevard County to "*collect, arrange, record, and preserve historical materials*" and to perform other functions such as obtaining narratives of the early pioneers, marking historical locations throughout the county, and recording historical information.

The Historical Commission is made up of fifteen members appointed by the County Commissioners. Each of the five County Commissioners appoints three members to sit on the Historical Commission.

We store our collections at our Historical Records Archive located at 801 Dixon Blvd., Suite 1110, Cocoa, Florida 32922. The collections are normally available to the public during regular business hours. Please call in advance at 321-433-4415, to schedule an appointment to view our collections. We are attempting to put our collections online, however, to date we haven't reached that goal.

The Historical Commission holds regular monthly meetings at the Archive. The public is always encouraged to attend. Please call the Historical Commission's office at 321-433-4415 for a schedule of our meetings.

We have undertaken a number of projects, including:

- \* Publication of an official Brevard County History
- \* Designation of Historical and Archaeological Landmarks
- \* Publication of a booklet identifying the Landmarks
- \* Preservation of early newspapers, maps and records
- \* Collection of individual oral histories on video
- \* Publishing of a journal entitled Indian River Journal

The Historical Commission works with many other groups and organizations in the community to preserve the County's history and archaeology

*“Unless Brevard County history lives in our present,  
it has no future.”*

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## MUSEUMS

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**Air Force Space & Missile Museum**

Space Launch Complex 5&6, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL  
<http://www.afspacemuseum.org/>

**American Police Hall of Fame & Museum**

6350 Horizon Dr., Titusville, FL 32780 <http://www.aphf.org/museum.html>

**BCC Planetarium & Observatory**

Brevard Community College, 1519 Clearlake Rd., Cocoa, FL  
<http://www.brevard.cc.fl.us/planet/index.html>

**Brevard County Historical Records Archive**

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**Brevard Museum of Art and Science**

1463 Highland Ave., Melbourne, FL 32936 <http://www.brevardartmuseum.org/>

**Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science**

2201 Michigan Ave., Cocoa, FL 32926 <http://www.brevardmuseum.org/>

**East Coast Surfing Hall of Fame**

4275 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32031  
<http://www.eastcoastsurfinghalloffame.com/>

**The Grant Historical House**

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2180 Freedom Ave., Mims, FL 32754 <http://www.brevardparks.com/hthvm/index.php>

**Historic Rossetter House Museum & Gardens**

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**Liberty Bell Memorial Museum**

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**Old Town Hall History Center**

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**U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame**

6225 Vectorspace Blvd., Titusville, FL 32780  
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**U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum**

4 Main St., Titusville, FL 32796-3567 <http://www.spacewalkoffame.com/>

**Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum**

6600 Tico Road, Titusville, FL 32780 — <http://www.vacwarbirds.org/>

**Veterans Memorial Museum**

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**Brevard Heritage Council**

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**Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation**

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**Civil War Round Table of Central Florida**

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**Cocoa Beach Pioneers**

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**Florida Historical Society**

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**Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN)**

Florida Historical Society, 435 Brevard Ave, Cocoa, FL 32922

321-690-1971—<http://www.fpaneastcentral.org/>

**Genealogical Society of North Brevard**

P.O. Box 897, Titusville, FL 32781-0879 <http://www.nbbd.com/npr/gsnb/index.html>

**Grant Historical Society**

P.O. Box 44, Grant, FL 32949

**Indian River Anthropological Society**

Dave McDonald, President P. O. Box 542022, Merritt Island, FL 32954-2022

<http://www.nbbd.com/npr/archaeology-iras/>

**The Mosquito Beaters**

George “Speedy” Harrell, President 435 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, FL 32922

<http://www.mosquitobeaters.org/>

**National Railway Historical Society**

Florida East Coast Chapter, P.O. Box 2034, Cocoa, FL 32923-2034

<http://www.trainweb.org/fecnrhs/>

**North Brevard Heritage Foundation, Inc.**

Roz Foster, President, P.O. Box 653, Titusville, Fl. 32781

<http://www.nbbd.com/npr/preservation/>

**North Brevard Historical Society**

301 S. Washington Ave., Titusville, FL 32789 <http://www.nbbd.com/godo/history/>

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**Rockledge Heritage Foundation**

11 Orange Avenue, Rockledge, FL 32955—321 632-2712  
[http://rockledgeheritage.org/\\_wsn/page4.html](http://rockledgeheritage.org/_wsn/page4.html)

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**South Brevard Historical Society**

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**Town of Melbourne Village Historic Preservation Commission**

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<http://www.brevardcounty.us/history/>

**Brevard County Historical Maps**

<http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/maps/county/brevard/brevard.htm>

**Florida Historical Museums**

[http://www.floridasmart.com/attractions/museums\\_hist.htm](http://www.floridasmart.com/attractions/museums_hist.htm)

**The Florida Historical Society**

<http://www.florida-historical-soc.org/>

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<http://floridamemory.com/>

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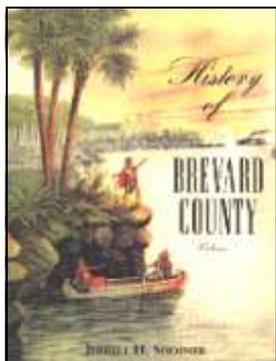
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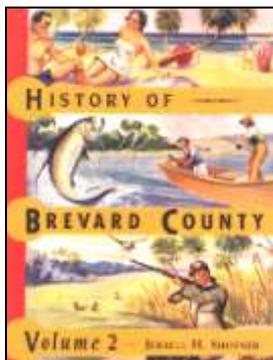
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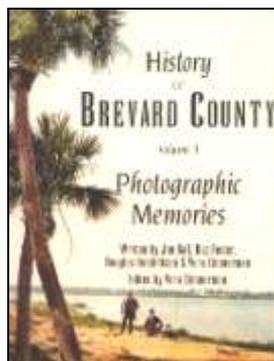
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