

# The Palm Coast Historian

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## Historical Framed Photographs Donated to Appropriate Recipients By Jack Pitman

Approximately two years ago eight large framed photographs were donated to the Palm Coast Historical Society by the St. Augustine Society. They were placed in our storage unit and when we moved into our History Center at the City Hall they were moved in with the rest of our items.

- The first photograph to be donated went to The City of Palm Coast on January 19, 2006 at the city's 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Dinner sponsored by the Historical Society. The photo is hanging on the wall outside of the first floor conference room in City Hall.
- The life like framed photograph of Henry Flagler, whom the county was named after, was donated to Flagler County's new Government Services Building at the County Commissioner's meeting on May 22, 2007. It is hanging in the front entrance to the building.

Jack Pitman, Vice President, and his wife Anne-Marie volunteered to locate appropriate recipients and donate the six remaining photos which were not relative to the City of Palm Coast.

- Two photos dealt with early 20<sup>th</sup> century railroading. One of an early steam engine and the other of an early motorcar or commuter "street car". These were presented to the Palatka Railroad Preservation Society housed in the Palatka, FL railroad station which is still in use. Their officers were very pleased to receive them and sent a letter of appreciation signed by their president Howard Blasozyk.
- The largest photo was of a riverboat named RUTH 2 with decks filled with passengers and barrels of cargo. Markings on the boat placed her on the Chattahoochee and Apalachicola rivers with service to Columbus

and Bainbridge, GA and to Apalachicola, FL around the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It will reside at the Orman House, at Apalachicola, a historic State Park where the Park Services is presently refurbishing the house for visitors.

- The next two photos are of boats on the St. John's river; one of the "City of Jacksonville" and the other of two unmarked boats. These were presented to the Museum of Science and History in Jacksonville and will probably be displayed where there is presently a historical exhibit featuring the "City of Jacksonville".
- Lastly, the eighth photo is of 14 men in work clothes and is marked "Ponce de Leon Hotel, St. Augustine, 1922". Flagler College now occupies the former Ponce de Leon Hotel and was very pleased to receive this photo depicting the building's own history. We received a very nice thank you from William T. Abare, Jr., Ed. D. President.

This was a rewarding experience for Anne-Marie and me to say the least. We recommend that if you, even as individuals, have old memorabilia to share with others for the future, that to locate organizations which can make this happen for you. The effort will be well worth it.

*Note from Editor:* The framed photographs contain a tag stating "Donated by Palm Coast Historical Society" "To name of recipient". People viewing the photos will be aware of our Historical Society.

## New Book About Palm Coast History is Available

Alan Smolen: Father of Palm Coast, 1975-1985 by Art Dycke, Palm Coast City Historian, will be available in early January 2008. In 138 pages of text and photos, it tells the story of the man who shaped the development of Palm Coast in his years as President of the ITT Development Corporation. It also presents a fairly complete

history of the Palm Coast community. Older residents can relive "the good old days" and newcomers can learn how Publix and I-95 Interchange got there.

Alan Smolen and Art Dycke will be at the Palm Coast Birthday Brunch on January 19, 2008 where the book will be available to purchase for \$15.00 as will the few remaining copies of the presently out-of-stock Images of America: Palm Coast, which is a picture history at \$19.99. Call Art Dycke at 446-8036 for additional information.

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Check out our New and Improved

History Website

By Art Dycke

Don DeVito, our Web Master just completed a major upgrading of the History Society's website that deserves our attention and viewing. Enjoy seeing new colors, pictures, articles and a navigation system that has already generated over 5,000 hits on our sight. Be sure to listen to Palm Coast's song "Palm Coast is the Most". Visit: <http://community-webtv.net/pchistorical/TheCityofPalmCoast>

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Welcome to our New Members

Sisco & Gloria Deen

Sharon Neilan

Edward Moore

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Events

**January 9, 2008, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm** at Watson Reality which is on Palm Coast Pkwy, West opposite Pine Cove Dr where the Post Office is. **ELECTIONS.** Member meeting and guests are always welcomed!

**January 11, 2008, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm** at the History Center, 2 Commerce Blvd. (City Hall). Look for blue half circle awning on left side of building. **Cataloging process.** Focus of this meeting is to meet the volunteers and explain the project and how they will begin cataloging. There will be a demonstration

**January 19, 2008, 9:00 am,** Breakfast Buffet with 2 Omelet Stations, at the Yacht Club. Cost is \$18.50 each. See enclosed form for reservations.

**April 11, 2008, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm** at Watson Reality which is on Palm Coast Pkwy, West opposite Pine Cove Dr where the Post Office is. Member meeting and guests are always welcomed!

## Members and Non-Members

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to assist in organizing historic materials at the History Center, 2 Commerce Blvd. (City Hall). Look for blue half circle awning on left side of building. Great opportunity to learn about our community's past plus no cataloging experience necessary.

#### Sample Tasks

1. Cataloging – going through boxes of materials to list and categorize contents. A computer listing will then be created.
2. Clippings – clip, duplicate and organize relevant newspaper articles.
3. Trace the history of golf, tennis, organizations, and businesses, churches through the years from old newspapers, magazines and contacting people associated with the groups.
4. Help computerize a photo file and produce historical CD programs.

Pat Eldridge, who has a Doctorate in Cataloging, is Chairman of the project. Claire Sheekey, our Corresponding Secretary, will be calling volunteers to remind them of the dates they will be working on the project. Current volunteers are:

Kurt Bottoms, Betty Buchanan,  
Mary Ann Kirby, Carol Lemieux,  
Ronnie Lyons, Mary MacLean,  
Ed Moore, Bob Nastek, Steve Ripley

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#### Watson Reality

##### Donates Data to the Historical Society

Diana Minotti, a new member this year, and her husband are friends of Lindsay Dolamore, Vice President of Watson, and told him about us and what we are doing. He advised her that when ITT pulled out their real estate records, maybe 75 boxes, were turned over to Watson and were stored on the top floor of their building. We met with him and he showed us all of the boxes and we checked the contents of some. Lindsay advised us we can use his place to go through the boxes and sort out what we want to keep for historical purposes and, if we do not have room at the Center, the boxes can stay there with free access to them.

Lindsay also advised us that we can call and schedule meetings in their Training Conference room which contains all of the equipment we need. The next two meetings are scheduled to be at Watson Reality on Palm Coast Pky West.

Thank you Lindsay!

**2008 DUES ARE DUE  
PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR  
SUPPORT OF THE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Without reason or rhyme  
It is now the right time  
To pay your dues dear friends.  
If you procrastinate  
It will be unfortunate  
But your membership could end.

So please send a check  
Or bring it by heck  
To the next meeting  
And you'll be found on our roster with friends  
That take part in the Historical Society that is setting new trends.

**Dues are \$10 single membership or \$15 family membership. Please send your check to:**

Debby Geyer  
1 Hembury Lane  
Palm Coast, FL 32137

**WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU FOR SUPPORT**

**\*Renewal for a single membership is: \$10.00**

**\*Renewal for a family membership is: \$15.00**

**\*IF YOU JOINED THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY THE LAST  
QUARTER (OCT-DEC) OF 2007 YOUR DUES ARE PAID FOR  
THE YEAR OF 2008.**

*Debby Geyer, President*

Officers - January 2007 - December 2007

Debby Geyer, President (446-9031); Jack Pitman, Vice President; Debby Geyer, Interim Treasurer; Kay Stafford, Recording Secretary; Claire Sheekey, Corresponding Secretary

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Visit our website for additional Palm Coast Historical Society information.

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Visit the Historical Society Center

Phone #: 386-446-2880

September through December 18, 2007

Art Dycke, City Historian, will be there.

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 1:30-4:00 pm

Starting January 10, 2008 until

Public Schools are closed for the summer

Thursdays 1:30-4:00 pm

Directors - January 2007 - December 2007

Don DeVito, Webmaster; Art Dycke, City Historian; Connie Horvath; Jon Netts; Betty Rhatigan; Bill Ryan

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Check out the Center's Items for Sale

**Images of America:** Palm Coast by Art Dycke, City Historian—Donation of \$19.99

**Palm Coast License Plate:** Donation of \$10.00.

Plates are also available at the Community Center which is across from the Fire Station on Florida Park Dr.

**Star Coale's,** local artist, B&W Prints of Palm Coast's original buildings and golf courses.

Donation of \$10.00 for 1 or \$15.00 for 2

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