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YES, I would like to help with the South Brevard Historical Society's projects!

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Family/Library	25.00
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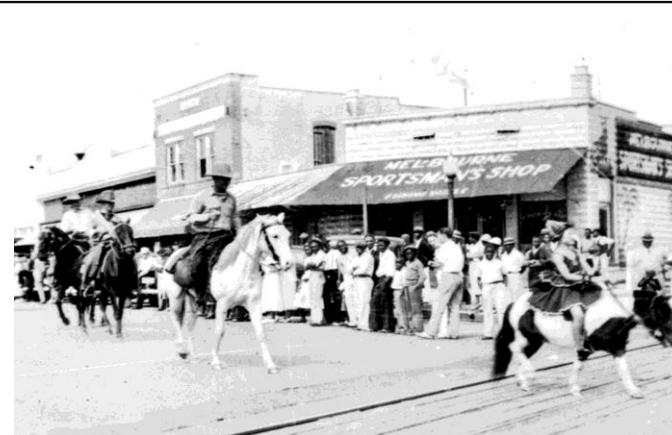
Nancy Platt: Growing Up "Cracker"

Margaret Broussard in a
Conversation with
**NANCY PLATT on her Florida
Ranching Family Heritage**

Saturday, Feb 14, 3 PM
Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue
Melbourne, FL

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at 3:00 PM at the Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Ave., Melbourne, the South Brevard Historical Society presents Nancy Platt, of the pioneer cattle-ranching Platt family of Brevard County. The Platts were early settlers of Central Brevard County and drove cattle the length of the Brevard and beyond during the pre-1949 open-range cattle days. After the state passed a law that stock had to be fenced in, cattlemen began to acquire large amounts of ranchland. The 4000-acre Platt family ranch west of Melbourne is currently seeking annexation to the city of Melbourne.

Nancy will be interviewed in friendly conversation with Margaret Broussard, who is also a daughter of a Florida pioneer ranching family. Come and hear about horseback adventures, Melbourne's history, the Silver Spurs Rodeo, Judge Platt, and others as Nancy brings us stories of her Cracker childhood in this special local history presentation! A number of wonderful historical photos will also be on display.



Left--The Platts lead the parade, in downtown Melbourne, 1920s. R- Nancy Platt at the Palatka Rodeo in 1969.

Dear SBHS Members and Friends,

As the new SBHS year begins we look ahead to more great programming, activities and a very special event chaired by our vice president, Penny Goode. Plans are underway for a fall "cemetery tour" that will pay homage to many of the community's historic figures. It'll be a fun and rewarding opportunity for members to volunteer.

We plan to have more "go see" or field trips to compliment and enhance our programs. We will probably have a web site up and running well before the end of the year. We plan to increase our education/promotion outreach through participation in cultural programs throughout the community.

Most importantly, we've begun our quest for a new Vision and Strategic Plan. Board members met at the end of January to share ideas for and views of the Society. New board member, Diane Barile will lead us in this very exciting challenge.

I ask that you begin now to share your ideas with us. Where and when do you like to meet? Do you want to participate other than attending programs? How would you like to be involved? What subjects, projects, events are you interested in? How would you define the word "society" in our name? What would you like us to be doing five years from today?

Send your responses to me at our post office box address or email me at candren@earthlink.net. I, Diane and the rest of the board look forward to hearing from you. I invite you to join with your SBHS Board to meet the challenge and promise of the new year.

Carol Andren, President

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL FOR PAPERS for the Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting, May 20-23, 2009 Pensacola, "From Tristán de Luna to the Twenty First Century: 450 Years of Florida's History." Proposals for individual papers, panels and roundtable discussions in all areas of Florida history are welcome, with papers on the history of Pensacola being especially relevant. Contact Dr. Ben Brotmarkle, Executive Director, 321-690-1971 ext. 201, or visit the Society website at www.myfloridahistory.org for information on hotel and room rate information. Proposals for individual papers should include a presentation title, a 150-word abstract and a one-page vita. Proposals for panels should include a 150-word abstract and one-page vita for each panel member plus a session title, a 150-word abstract of the panel and a suggested moderator/discussant. Proposals may be submitted by email as an MSWord attachment to the program committee chair at jgcusick@ufl.edu or may be sent as a paper copy to James Cusick, Special & Area Studies Collections, George A. Smathers Library, University of Florida, Gainesville FL 32611-7005. The deadline for proposal submissions is February 15, 2009. The Society also seeks submissions for its annual awards. A full listing of awards and submission procedures can be found at www.myfloridahistory.org/awards.

The North Brevard Heritage Foundation and the Titusville Play house present the second item in the Preservation As An Art Form: "**FOOTPRINTS: A BLACK ANTHOLOGY**," by Mary Purdy. Footprints is based on oral and written histories of past and present residents of Brevard County recorded and compiled by historian Roz Foster. It is presented in celebration of the Feb. 12th 100th Anniversary of founding of the NAACP and in recognition of the African American US president and in honor of the people who paved the way, including Harry T. Moore. Times: Fri., Feb. 13 at 7:30pm, and Sat., Feb 14 at 4:00pm. Place: Emma Parrish Theater, 301 Julia Street Titusville, Phone (321) 268-3711. Tickets can be purchased at the door. \$14 Orchestra Balcony \$12 Senior & Students \$10. 75% of the proceeds go toward the restoration and preservation projects of the North Brevard Heritage Foundation.

South Brevard Historical Society, Inc. Upcoming Programs

Mar, 2009 plans are in the works for a program by Bob Gross on the very **earliest settlement of Brevard** (Mosquito) County.

April, 2009, SBHS presents Ann Raley Flotte giving a **brief history of Melbourne and Eau Gallie**, the first hundred years, illuminated with slides, old postcards, and photos.

May, 2009 Dr. Ben Brotmarkle, Executive Director, giving a presentation on the **Florida Historical Society**, its history, programs, resources, and its new director. Reception to follow.

SBHS thanks **AAA Malabar Mini-Storage** on Malabar Rd. for their generous donation of air-conditioned secure storage for the Society's collections and archives.

On Feb. 21, the North Brevard Historical Society celebrates the **birthday of Col. Titus, Founder of Titusville**, at the Museum, with cake and punch with the old Colonel starting at 10am. Please stop by! On February 23, 2009 historian and former mayor, Bob Hudson will talk on Titusville history and show slides. Contact President Edmund Kindle at 321.514.0096 or the museum at 321.269.3658.

On Feb. 28 at 10 AM at the Canaveral Port Authority Building, 445 Challenger Rd., Cape Canaveral, The Brevard Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution will be celebrating the 226th Anniversary of the **LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**. The Color Guard will be stepping off at 10AM promptly and the ceremonies will end by 11:30AM. The public is welcome to attend.

Ongoing SBHS Local History Exhibit at the Indian River Lagoon House

Don't forget to stop by the Lagoon House, Marine Resources Council, at 3275 NE Dixie Hwy, Palm Bay. You'll see it on the east side of US#1, just 1.5 miles south of US#192.

The Florida Public Archaeology Network and Brevard Community College continue their 2008 "In the Dirt" Florida Archaeology Lecture Series. Lectures are held at 7pm in the Auditorium in Bldg. 1, Titusville Campus - (321) 433-5042. All lectures are FREE and NO REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.

February 19: Weeds and Seeds: A History of Dining in Southern Florida Dr. Michelle Williams, Regional Director, Southeast Region. This lecture examines various plants utilized by early Floridians as well as some of the 'meatier' issues of early diet in South Florida. Learn how the wealth of natural resources in southern Florida has made it a unique dining experience for over 10,000 years.

March 19: Exploring Florida Shipwrecks Mr. Jeff Moates, Regional Director, West Central Region Experience Florida shipwrecks, some of the state's oldest artificial reefs, through a presentation that covers total losses, salvage attempts, and archaeological investigations at sea. Also learn about a new interactive website, Museums in the Sea, created by Florida's Bureau of Archaeological Research, where you can take your own guided tour of these important relics without lugging all that SCUBA gear!

Florida Frontiers: The Weekly Radio Magazine of the Florida Historical Society is a weekly, half-hour radio program airing on public radio stations throughout the state. It can be heard of WMFE, 90.7 on Thursdays, 6:30 pm, and on WFIT, 89.5 Sundays at 7 am.

These books published by the SBHS Kellersberger Fund are available for sale at meetings:

Tales of Old Brevard, by Georgiana Kjerulff, **Rooted in Florida Soil**, by Julia Lake Kellersberger; **Historic Florida: A Closer Look at the Photographs of a Century Ago in Three Dimensions**, by Clement Slade; **Troubled Paradise: Melbourne Village, Florida**, by Georgiana Kjerulff; and **Pineapples are Never Black or White**. by Harry Goode, Sr. Books For more info, call Ellen Novd. 727-2689 or 779-4004.