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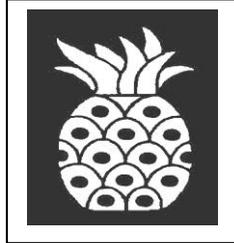
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**Saturday, June 13, 2015**

**3:00 PM**

Melbourne Public Library  
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

**War Journals of the Second Seminole War**

Presented by Ben DiBiase  
Florida Historical Society

Please join us as Ben DiBiase of the Florida Historical Society presents *War Journals of the Second Seminole War*. First hand details of the battle, and life during this period have been recorded in dozens of letters and journals from the Seminole Wars, including the journal of Jacob Motte, a U.S. Surgeon stationed in Florida.

The Second Seminole War (1835-1842) began when the U.S. Army arrived in 1835 to enforce the Treaty of Payne's Landing. This treaty, signed in 1832, required the Seminole Indians to give up their Florida lands within three years and move west. By 1835, although some Indians had moved west of the Mississippi, others stayed and prepared to fight. Called "the fiercest war waged by the U.S. Government against American Indians" by 1842 approximately 1,600 soldiers and an unknown number of Seminoles (as they usually carried away their dead and wounded) had been killed.

Mr. DiBiase's presentation will give an account of what life was like during this time. In 1821 Spain ceded Florida to the United States and Americans continued to travel here to settle, but conflicts with the Seminoles, who had called this place their own for thousands of years, continued to rise.

Our speaker, Ben DiBiase, is the Director of Educational Resources for the Florida Historical Society. A graduate of the University of Central Florida, Ben has been with FHS for more than four years. Along with his responsibilities as Director, Ben also was the editor for the first English translation of *French Florida: A Narrative Based on the Earliest Accounts of the French Presence in Florida* by Charles de La Ronciere, published by the Florida Historical Society Press.

