



# *West Pasco Historical Society, Inc.*

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I complete my tenth year as president of this Society I wish to thank all who have been supportive of my efforts in your behalf.

It was during these years we published "West Pasco's Heritage", the first authentic writing of our area's history. This was a member participation and I am proud to say it can be found in many leading universities, schools, and public libraries around the United States. There are a limited number still available.

We accomplished many other important projects. A cairn was built in Sims Park to commemorate our city founder, George Sims. The gazebo, a landmark built in 1924, was preserved, moved, and renovated. The Civic Club built in 1916, was on the agenda to be demolished but was saved through petition and is now used by many local groups as part of the city park department programs.

The Elfers school, built in 1914, was slated for demolition by the Pasco County School Board until it was saved through the efforts of the Historical Society. It is now a popular senior center. The Anderson-Baker house on Moog road was purchased by the county to add to the park system after this president worked for a year to accomplish keeping the property from being destroyed by private development. It is now the home of the Pasco Fine Arts Council.

Then came the biggest job of all when we moved the old Seven Springs school house to Sims Park, completely renovating it to use as a museum, library and meeting room. This was accomplished with the help and cooperation of the New Port Richey City Council, City Manager, all our volunteers and those who contributed funds to assist. The building opened in 1983 after three years of work.

We have now embarked on another project, the building of an addition. The City Council has approved, the blueprints have been drawn, a building fund has been initiated and we are well on our way.

I know with the help of the newly elected slate of officers, all our volunteers, and patrons, the new building will soon be a reality. Through all this we are keeping our commitment to our charter, "To preserve and protect our history".

  
Julie Obenreder, President



MUSEUM HOURS - Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 P.M.

Special Program - 3rd Sunday, each month from 2 to 4 P.M.

Special Events - Per news media

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

INSTALLATION BANQUET will be held on Thursday, May 14th at the -  
SPARTAN MANOR Restaurant, 614 Massachusetts Ave. Social hour will be  
at 6:00 P.M. and Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Price per person is \$9.00.

Choice of entree;    Roast Beef au Jus  
                          Baked Ham    or  
                          Turkey and Dressing

Please make checks payable to West Pasco Historical Society and mail  
to Mrs. Ceil Zubrod, 2512 Stonehaven Place, New Port Richey, FL 33552  
or pay at the Museum on Thursday or Friday between 1:00 & 4:00 P.M.

The newly elected officers will be installed & the speaker will be  
Dr. Linda A. Mainville of the Florida State Archives Department.

ADVANCED PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 8th

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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT . . . . . Alex Acey  
RECORDING SECRETARY . . . . . Julie Chenoweth  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY . . . . . Glenna Vickers  
TREASURER . . . . . Ida Brunner

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

For 2 Years:    Howard Chenoweth    and    Joey Arnold  
For 1 Year:    Frances Dee, Frances Mallett , Norma Nelson  
Ex-Officio:    Julie Obenreder

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FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONVENTION - MAY 7th, 8th & 9th

For information contact Julie Chenoweth at 863-4226 for  
Hotel, Banquet, programs & etc.

Reservations must be in by May 3rd.

This years convention is in St. Augustine, one of Florida's most  
historic sites. Many tours, interesting programs and social hours are  
planned. All are available ONLY THROUGH PRE-REGISTRATION. Don't Delay!!!

We thank our volunteers- it would be impossible to operate without  
them. If you have a couple hours a week to spare join us. It is fun  
and you meet very interesting people.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 1987 - 88 ARE NOW DUE



## LIBRARY

Dr. Linda A. Mainville, archivist of Florida State Archives Department of Tallahassee, visited our library recently. She borrowed most of our snapshots and old maps. They will photograph each picture and a glossy print will be made of them. The maps will be restored and all will be returned to us with the originals. Their copies will go into the state files. This is all free.

The library welcomes any donations of old snapshots and pictures.

Jessie Hyde, Librarian

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## GENEALOGY

Our genealogy class has been in recess, however the sessions will resume shortly, Watch for the notices.

What a delight to read in the Genealogical Helper a review of our book "West Pasco Heritage", written by members of WPHS. The review is found on page 157 of the March-April 1987 issue which is published by Everton Publishers, Inc. in Nibley, Utah. As a result of this review the West Pasco Historical Society is now nationally known.

Genealogy is very exciting, come join us.

Louise Meichner,  
Genealogical Chairman

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## CURATOR

On display is an English 'last will and testament' which was hand written in 1732, and a fine collection of Indian arrowheads which were dug up in our nearby Beacon Square development.

Our museum participated during the month of March in the Pasco-Hernando Community College exhibit entitled "Early Days of Pasco County".

Adele Gregos, Curator

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## COUNTRY CORNER GIFT SHOP

Our manager, Ceil Zubrod, accepted the office of Vice-President of the WPHS and management has succeeded to myself, Frances Howland, and Dorothy Nelson. The gift items are no longer received on consignment but we purchase them outright. Our income averages around \$80.00 a month and all proceeds are turned over to the treasurer. To date this year's profit is approximately \$600.00.

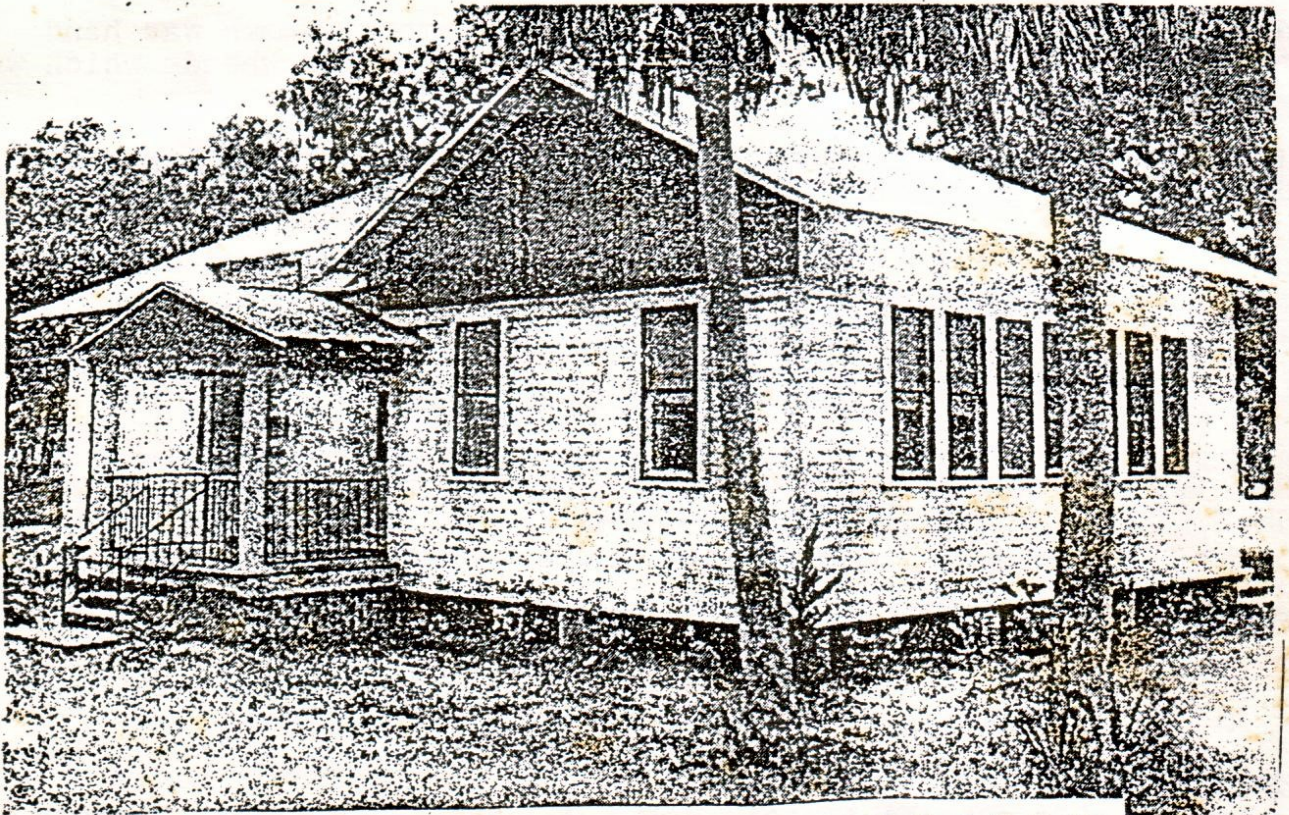
Frances Howland, Manager

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This is Pasco County Centennial Year- Pick up a souvenir magazine at the museum gift shop. A bargain at \$2.00 each- full of our history, pictures and useful information.

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