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41. University of Central Florida

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Overview:
The University of Central Florida Special Collections Manuscript collections contain unique and original personal papers and organizational papers that document local history, Florida history, travel and tourism, and many other topics.

Noteworthy collections:
  During the first half of the twentieth century, the Carey Hand Funeral Home was the largest in Central Florida, the first funeral home in Florida to have a chapel, and housed the first crematorium built south of Cincinnati and Washington, DC. Records include Undertaker’s Memoranda for June 1891–December 1946, Funeral Registers for January 1919–December 1952, Cremation Records for 1926–1949, records for the Palm and Greenwood Cemeteries ca. 1900–1944, and Veterans’ and Orlando Air Base Records January for 1938–March 1952, as well as other materials.
relating to the operations of the Orlando mortuary business. For information on using these records for genealogical research, please contact Special Collections.

  Includes correspondence, photographs, campaign materials, articles, minutes, printed government documents, framed materials, videocassette tapes, and artifacts that document Lou Frey’s life of public service. In the 1960s, he served the Orange County Young Republicans in several capacities and finally as president of the organization. Florida’s Republican Party benefited from his expertise as General Counsel of the Florida Federation of Young Republicans and Treasurer of the Republican Party in Florida. Frey served ten years as a Congressional Representative for Central Florida from 1969–1979, which includes the time of the Watergate scandal. During his tenure, he served on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, House Science and Technology Committee, the Republican Committee on Committees, and the Republican Research Committee. Since then, Frey has served on the Florida Energy Commission and the Millennial Housing Commission.

  The Father of the waterpark, George Millay founded both SeaWorld and Wet ’n Wild. He and his wife Anne collected correspondence, reports, shareholder information, marketing materials, planning documents, memorabilia, and framed items about SeaWorld and Wet ’n Wild.

  Price founded ERA, a consulting company in economics in 1959, going on to work with many in the travel, tourism and entertainment industry. Price located Disney World in Central Florida 1963, and wrote a Universal Tour feasibility analysis in 1964. The papers contain economic research and preliminary plan reports on a variety of travel, tourism, and attraction projects conducted between 1955 and 2003.
Tallahassee, FL

42. Florida State University

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Noteworthy collections:

  Organized in 1901 by Frederick Julius Schreyer of Bremen, Germany, J. R. Saunders, and B.P. Jones. They began the operation with $100,000 in capital, and the main office in Pensacola, FL. In 1906, Millville, FL, was made the site of operations. From 1907–1909, the company erected a new mill and expanded its business. Railroad tracks were laid and a locomotive purchased some time later. In 1913, the company’s partners were Schreyer, Samuel J. Carpenter, and Mark L. Fleishel. About this time, the German-American Lumber Company absorbed several bankrupt companies. The St. Andrews Lumber Company was one such firm, and its papers are included in the collection. During World War I, pro-German literature and guns were found at the mill, and in 1917, the Office of the United States Alien Property Custodian seized the mill. It was then renamed the American Lumber Company—popularly known in Bay County, FL, as ALCO. In 1919, it was bought by Minor C. Keith and Walter C. Sherman and renamed the St. Andrews Bay Lumber Company. During the mid-1920s, the company was sold and became the Sherman Lumber Company. Because of timber depletion in the forests, the Millville mill closed in 1930 and burned on March 22, 1931. In addition to documenting the history and operations of The
German-American Lumber Company, this collection has significant historical value to researchers studying the southern pine lumber and shipbuilding industry, the timber resources of northern Florida, and lumber marketing. The records are arranged in five series: (1) Correspondence, 1890–1920; (2) Financial Records, 1887–1927; (3) Legal Records, 1901–1919; (4) Personnel Records, 1902–1919; and (5) Blueprints and Drawings, 1899–1919.

  Includes correspondence, letterpress books, time books, invoices, account records, lumber orders, lumber reports, and railway waybills. The collection also includes the records of the Madison Southern Railway, owned by the West Yellow Pine Company.

  Documents the largest racial discrimination class-action suit against a private employer in the history of civil rights law. The collection has significant historical and research value for American legal history and civil rights scholars. Some of the noteworthy topics include the admissibility of prior discrimination as evidence, adverse witnesses, affirmative action, allegations of recent discrimination, class certification, defendants’ contacts with plaintiffs’ witnesses and clients, deceased claimants’ notes, destruction of evidence, jury selection, Raymond Danner’s claim to fight race discrimination, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conferences covenant with Shoney’s, in which the corporation promised that it would do business with minority-owned firms and target management jobs and franchise ownership opportunities for African Americans. Among the materials included are all court pleadings and filings in the case, affidavits and declarations, challenges, consent decrees, correspondence, depositions, discovery documents, expert witness files, interrogatories, investigative files, newspaper and magazine articles, notebooks, orders, policies, press releases, questionnaires, reports, research materials, right-to-sue requests, settlement documents, shopper reports, surveys, visitation reports, and the deposition transcripts of over 150 witnesses who document the history of the alleged discrimination of Shoney’s, Inc., and Ray Danner.

  Accounting journals, cash books, cash journals, checkbook stubs, daybooks, delivery records, fish checkbook stubs, fish sales, fish
journals, fish receipt books, ship account books, ship supply transfer records, trial balances, and details on various accounts held by the Baylen Street Wharf Company, which was later absorbed by the Warren Fish Company.

Tampa, FL

43. University of Southern Florida Libraries

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Overview:
USF Tampa Library Special & Digital Collections Department collects, preserves, and provides access to significant collections of Floridiana, archival and manuscript materials, nineteenth-century American imprints, children’s literature, rare books, science fiction, sheet music, and Holocaust and genocide studies in physical and digital formats for use by students, faculty, and the general public. The Floridiana Collection contains monographs, maps, manuscripts, photographs, printed ephemera and realia relating to Florida’s history and culture, especially the Tampa Bay region. Particular strengths include Ybor City’s immigrant experience and cigar art and artifacts, such as original lithographers’ stones, progressive books, and labels.

Noteworthy collections:
- Tampa Cigar Industry and Art Collection
  The cigar industry’s pivotal role in the development of early Tampa makes collecting, preserving, and researching cigar and cigar box realia and ephemera an important focal point for Special Collections. The department’s near-complete run of the Tobacco Leaf industry journal and its collection of lithographic cigar box labels represent an important aspect of American culture and Floridiana.
USF Libraries’ Oral History Program
Active oral history program includes interviews, workshops, and outreach. Records, collects, and preserves individual and community memory for future generations. These oral histories offer valuable information that furthers knowledge of social, cultural, historical, political, and economic activities in the Tampa Bay area and beyond. Topics include the citrus industry, land use, cruises, rodeos and carnivals. Since 1997, the program has collected more than 500 interviews on topics ranging from history and culture to the university’s establishment. In keeping with USF’s vision for becoming a world-class research library, it has fostered the creation of unique resources, including digital initiatives. Complete interview transcripts, in addition to the audio, are available on the USF Libraries’ website: www.lib.usf.edu.