

## »» NEWSLETTER ««



# Martin Digital History

Thank you for your interest in Martin Digital History! This newsletter will attempt to keep all informed about the project, including new participants and accessions, plans, events, etc. If you would like me to include links to relevant events, please let me know.

## Recent uploads to the website:

### »» COVENTRY COLLECTION

These photographs are from several albums created by Edith Brown Coventry, who was born 23 March 1890, in Duluth, Minnesota. Her parents, John and Charlotte Coventry frequently visited Stuart, Florida before moving to the town in 1921 and becoming proprietors of the Coventry Hotel (now the Old Colorado Hotel), which was built in 1914. Edith established one of the earliest photographic studios in Stuart, the Edith Brown Coventry Kodak Finishing Shop, in about 1922; a later shop, E.B. Coventry, operated at 212 Osceola Avenue for many years. She enjoyed fishing and hunting; several of the photo albums feature images of her hunting trips to the north. Edith moved to West Palm Beach in 1961 and died there on 16 October 1979.

Several of the photos from one of the photo albums featured images taken during her 1920 trip on the Dixie Queen through the everglades. In 1920, The Mutual Company, Real Estate and Investment company of WPB, offered a three day trip through the Everglades on the Dixie Queen. The business started in Jan 1920 and was selling 50,000 acres of land around the Okeechobee. The last ad for this company went into the newspaper in March 1920, and in October



1920, the Hughes-Lockhart Realty Company was at that address, so I think the Mutual Company was short lived. The photos show little shacks along the waterway, sugarcane processing, fields, houseboats.

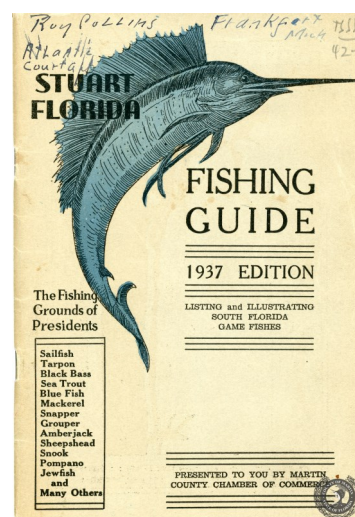
## >>> LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION OF MARTIN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

Scrapbook of the Ladies Golf Association of Martin County, 1958-1966. This scrapbook includes clippings with a few photographs of events relating to the women's golf association, including golf tournaments, awards luncheons. Contributed by Jackie Williams.



## >>> FISHING GUIDES

We've added more fishing guides to the website. These offer some excellent information about life in the area, including showing how the area was advertised to tourists, information about fishing, and businesses advertising. These publications were all published with a copyright statement by either Stuart Daily News or Southeastern Printing Company. However, after a search of available copyright renewal records, it doesn't seem that the copyright was renewed, which makes the guides public domain (copyright free) up to 1964. Contributed by Sandra Thurlow and Stuart Heritage Museum.



## >>> MURRAY COLLECTION

This collection includes chiefly family photographs from the Frazier, Roebuck, and Avriett families, many from the 1920s-1930s. Significantly represented are local chiropractors Elizabeth Frazier Murray (1914–1985) and her parents Josie (1891–1980) and Frank Frazier Sr. (1884–1966), but there are photos from many pioneer families. One series of photographs that are a bit mysterious feature a group of men surveying the everglades. There are images of the men camping, wading through the water, and standing near a tall teepee of poles. I spoke with Chappy Young, who owns a local surveying company (GCY Inc.) and is very knowledgeable about surveying history, and learned that the large poles were to give surveyors a point to reference that could be seen from afar. It is likely one of these men is a Frazier or Roebuck relation, but I don't have an identification! Contributed by David Murray.

