



Martin Digital History

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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.

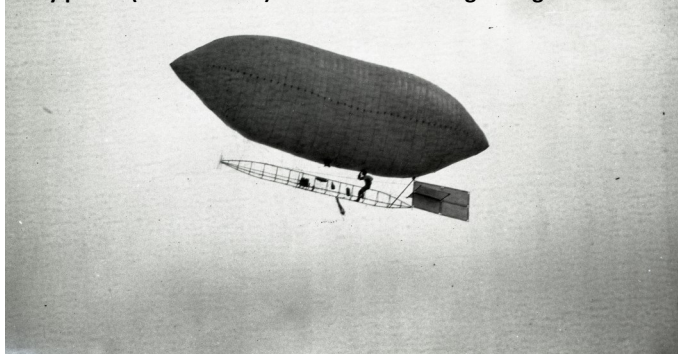
Recent uploads to the website:

»» Historic Society of Martin County Local History Photograph Collection

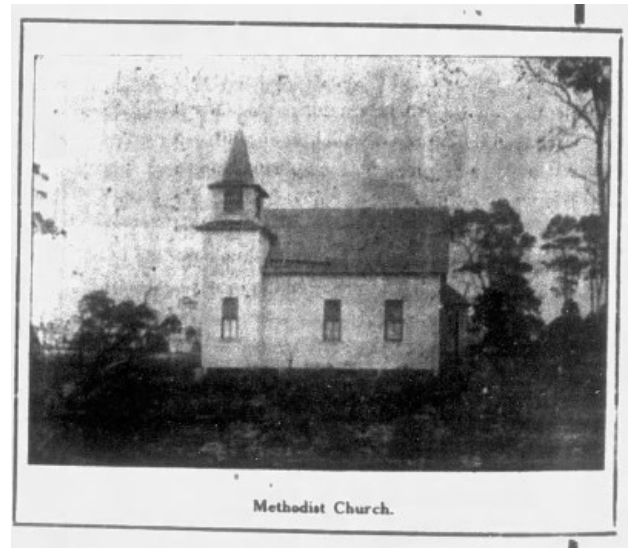
We're gradually working through this large collection of images from the HSMC Local History Photograph Collection, and this month we focused on several boxes of negatives. Negatives are always entertaining to scan because you can't see what the image is before you work on it, so it's a surprise. However, because there's no label or information written on the back like you have with a print, sometimes they remain a mystery. The collection includes several images from the 1910s of the Willoughby family of Sewall's Point, including their cottage Mandalay and shots of the family fishing and picnicking.



The collection also includes images of downtown Stuart and other views, including one of President Cleveland. And there was an early photo (c. 1905-1915) of a daredevil riding a dirigible.



One of the negatives in the collection features an unidentified African American Church. The mailbox features the name "Nicholson." I found a *Stuart News* article that reports a minister with the name "J.L. Nicholson" in 1950, but it doesn't mention a church affiliation. After some research, I suspect it's the St. Paul's AME Church of Lincoln Park, which according to Sandy Thurlow's excellent book on Stuart was built in about 1916 and was demolished in 1976 (*Stuart on the St. Lucie*, p. 135). I found a photo of another Lincoln Park church, the Methodist Church, in the *Stuart Times* (24 Nov 1916), but the steeple is quite different. I do not have any other photos of this church, so if anyone can confirm that it's the old St. Paul's AME Church, I would appreciate it.



Warfield Second Grade Classes 100 Years in Indiantown : A Photographic Timeline Project

Also from the Historical Society of Martin County are several boards with images and clippings featuring the history of Indiantown. In 2009, several second grade teachers received a grant from the Martin Educational Foundation for a project, "My Family, My Heritage." The display boards feature photos of Seminoles, the rodeo, class portraits, and several pioneer families. I'm hoping to find more information about these images and possibly better quality scans soon, and will be making them available online.

100+ Years in Indiantown

A Photographic Timeline

by Warfield Second Grade Classes - 2009

Indiantown got its name from the Seminole Indians who lived there before the early pioneers.
Photos and articles are courtesy of the Elisabeth Lohf Library in Indiantown.

Stuart Heritage Museum Martin County Postcard Collection

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The Stuart Heritage Museum loaned us several binders of postcards, including a wide variety of images, new and old. We're so grateful to be able to offer them on Martin Digital History.



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Osceola Building, 1926-1947

December 2023



Circa 1926. Redfern Investment and Development Company was granted a license in Oct 1925 and went bankrupt in Nov 1927. While there is no visible sign on the corner store, we know that the Bank of Stuart, originally located across the street, moved to the corner of the Osceola Building in 1921. The bank failed in 1926.



Circa 1937. The A&P (1933-1945), McClung's 5 & 10 (1936-1948), and Durr's Bar (1936-1943).



1937. McClung's (1936-1948), Durr's Bar (1936-1943)



1946. Horseshoe Bar (1943-1950) Date from license plate.



Circa 1947. Corner store is now McClung's 5-10-25 store. Stuart Drugs took over the Feroe Building and installed the Rexall sign in 1947.



Circa 1948. P&L Stores went into the Osceola Building in 1948 and became H.C. Pence in Dec 1949.

All photos in this newsletter available at tinyurl.com/93884uxu