



# Martin Digital History

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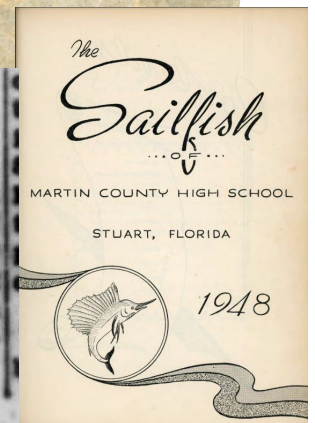
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## The Parrot & The Sailfish

From the Stuart Heritage Museum, we now can offer three high school yearbooks: Stuart High School's *The Parrot* of 1926, and *The Sailfish* of 1940 and Martin County High's *Sailfish* of 1948. Stuart High School officially changed its name to Martin County High School in 1944, but apparently it continued to be often referred to as Stuart High School until the new building was built in 1964. To add confusion, school athletic letters were "S" and the stage had a banner displaying "SHS."



SHS and MCHS in the same photo!



Seaboard Railroad Station, Indiantown, Florida, c. 1950

## Bob Cross Collection

From Sandra Thurlow we have a small collection of photos from Bob Cross chiefly featuring Indiantown. William Alfred Cross (1893-1976) sold fencing in Indiantown, living in the Seminole Inn with his family for three months of each year from about 1950 to 1955. The family then moved to Winter Park, Florida.



Olive Cross with a rattlesnake, 1950

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## Coggshall Photograph Album

We've scanned, cataloged, and uploaded the last of the Historic Society of Martin County/Elliott Museum's Local History Photo Collection. The collection included many stellar historical photographs, some you've seen before, but many you probably haven't.

Included in the collection is the Coggshall Photograph Album, which features photographs chiefly of the Stuart area (and a few from some snowy place with sheep, probably Groton, New York) from about 1905. David H. Coggshall Jr. (1848–1913) and his wife Clarinda F. Smith Coggshall (1847–1933) owned several properties in the Stuart area. They spent winters here starting in 1905, ending only with David's death on a train en route to Stuart in 1913.

Another lot they owned was located on the St. Lucie River, near the property of Harry Armstrong Dyer and A.T. Hogarth. There are a couple of photos of the three older Dyer girls playing in the yard of their house, which helped to date the album, but there are also several other photos with people who are frustratingly unidentified.

David H. Coggshall was a member of a family famous for their apiaries. D. H. Coggshall was himself a successful beekeeper in



*Colonel Oscar Ogden Poppleton*



*Apiary visiting*



*Uriah 'Elias' Simmons*

Groton, New York, and also kept a few hives at his Stuart property. His brother, LaMar Coggshall, is frequently referred to as the "world's largest honey producer," and the family continued to be beekeepers through the 20th century.



*Frustratingly unidentified people seated in front of the first church in Stuart.*

The album includes several images of local beehives and beekeepers, including Oscar Ogden Poppleton (1843-1917), who was a major producer of honey in the Martin County area. Other hives were owned by Uriah 'Elias' Simmons in Palm City and the Frazier family.



*Unidentified man, possibly A.T. Hogarth, in front of train.*

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## Fred Walton Journal

From the Stuart Heritage Museum comes an album with "Fred Walton Journal" on the cover, featuring images of Fred's life in Stuart in about 1926-1938. This includes several team portraits from Stuart High School sports teams - he apparently played on all the sports teams - and photos of girlfriends Virginia Dyer and Rose Roebuck (whom he married in 1939), and local hunting expeditions. Also included are images of his summer with the Citizens' Military Training Camp (CMTC) in 1924. The CMTC were military camps operated offered free to young men by the U.S. military between 1921 and 1940. Participants could come back every summer to participate in "courses," but it's unknown if Fred repeated the activity.



Stuart High School basketball team, 1925

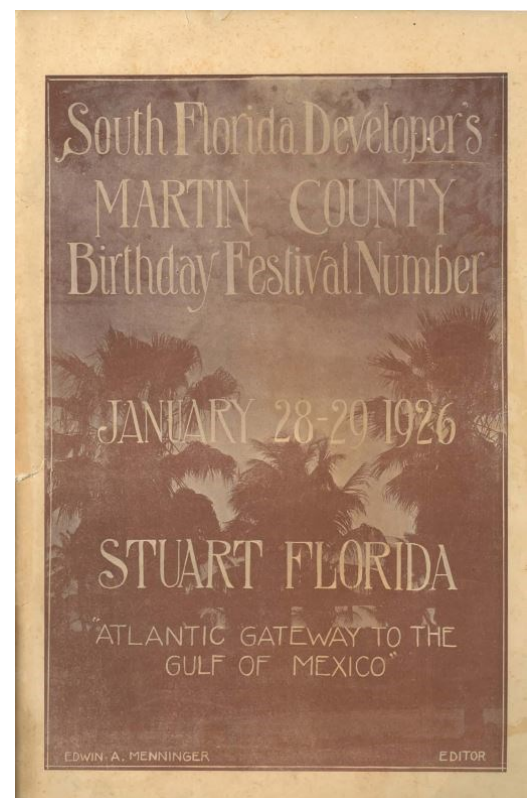


## McNabb-Dyer Collection

From Heidi McNabb, we have several more photos of her Dyer family and their friends, and a copy of the South Florida Developer's Martin County Birthday Festival Program, January 28-29 1926. This very interesting publication features aerial views of the entire area, photos, and many ads for developments and new businesses.



Stuart Boy Scouts assist the Babcock Garage in getting a car out of a ditch in Hobe Sound, 1916

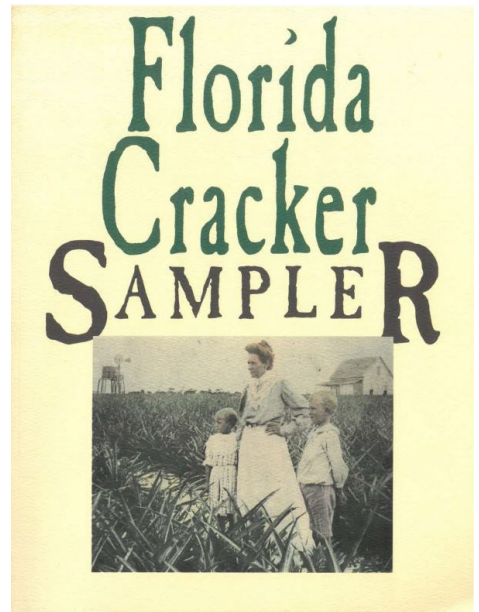


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## Florida Cracker Sampler

From Sandra Thurlow is the publication *Florida Cracker Sampler : A Mosaic of Martin*

*County People and Their Culture*, published by South Fork High School Media Center in June 1991. We have the publication available online as well as a collection of photographs collected or taken for the publication. There are some excellent portraits of Costella Williams, Curt Whiticar, and the inside of the old Texaco gas station in Hobe Sound. This great publication deserves to be remembered!



Marian Carpenter, Boyzize Herring, Costella Williams, Cecil Mackey, and Dr. David Anderson in front, 1991



### What is the Martin Digital History Project?

The mission of Martin Digital History (MDH) is to encourage the appreciation of Martin County's unique history by collaborating with community members and local organizations to collect, present, and interpret relevant digital content. This project, orchestrated by the Martin County Library System, is the result of the planning teamwork of several far-sighted community members and organizations, including Sandra Thurlow, Historical Society of Martin County, Black Heritage Initiative, Stuart Heritage, The Library Foundation of Martin County, and many others. It is open for public participation.

- This newsletter will attempt to keep all informed about the project, including new participants and accessions, plans, events, etc. Subscribe at: [martin.fl.us/library-events-newsletters](http://martin.fl.us/library-events-newsletters)
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