



# Martin Digital History

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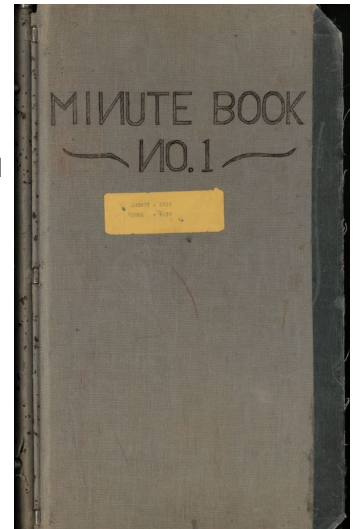
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## Martin County Board of Public Instruction Minutes

Thanks to local historian Julie Preast for introducing the idea of making these early school board records available online for easier access. Because the volumes have undergone optical character recognition (OCR), they are searchable as well. After opening the file, researchers can search within each book by using <ctrl> F. The Board minutes detail teacher and principal assignments, salaries, bills payments, and other significant decisions. Also, volume 3 starts with a “teacher’s register” that includes White and Black teachers’ names, credentials, a resumé of teaching experience and salary.

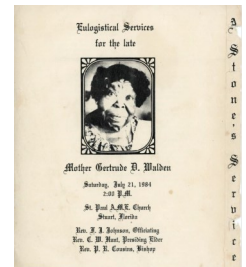
So far, we have added the first 5 volumes, which include minutes from August 1925 through May 1952. Thanks to Dianne Falls at the Martin County School District for her help with this project and to Superintendent of Schools, Michael Maine.



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## Black Heritage Initiative Memorial Programs

We’ve added 130 more memorial programs to this collection of tributes to numerous citizens.



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## Stuart High School & Martin High School Yearbooks

Thanks to Stuart Heritage Museum for lending us several yearbooks from the school, including the *Sailfish* of 1946 and 1960, and the *Spinnaker* of 1939.



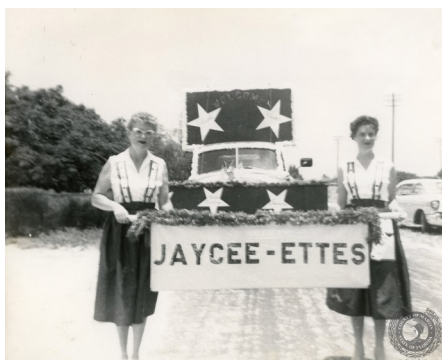
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## Jaycee-Ettes Collection

The Stuart Jaycee-Ettes elected its first group of officers in 23 June 1947, and its charter was officially approved on 31 July 1947. Most Jaycee-Ette organizations are all-female auxiliaries to the all-male Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) with the primary purpose of being of assistance to the Jaycees and with membership limited to the wives of Jaycees members. The Stuart Jaycee-Ettes rejected these limitations and operated under their own charter.

The Jaycee-Ettes completed many fund-raising projects to benefit many charitable causes, including hosting dances, conducting the "Miss Music" beauty contest (1949-1950), and hosting the Halloween Costume Gala (c. 1955-1960). They provided equipment and funding for the hospital and schools, offered scholastic medals to high school juniors with the highest standing, organized visits from Santa and Christmas parades (1955-1960), improved the Civic Center, and also participated in many other service activities. The organization existed at least through 1963. In 1984, the national Jaycee-Ettes ceased to exist when the Jaycees began to admit women.



*Jaycee-Ette Parade Float, 1960*



*Jaycee-Ette gala costume party, 1957*



*Santa arriving in white convertible, 1957*

### 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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