



Martin Digital History

Newsletter of martindigitalhistory.org

December 2024

This month we've added 694 items to the online database, including material from the Stuart Heritage Museum and from Sandra Thurlow. They include many images you might have seen before as well as rarely seen images. Be sure to visit martindigitalhistory.org to view them all!

Recent uploads to martindigitalhistory.org:

Lockwood Collection



From the Stuart Heritage Museum, a DVD originally donated by Louis Lockwood features images of Ocean Breeze Trailer Park, Jensen Beach, Stuart, and the Lockwood Gas Station in the late 1940s and 1950s. It also includes images taken after the 1949 Hurricane hit Martin County on August 26th.

Owen "Bud" Walter Lockwood (1918-2004) and wife Marie Frondorf Lockwood (1916-1980) moved to Florida in 1946 with their two sons Louis (b. 1939) and Harold (b. 1944). Residents of Ocean Breeze Park, in 1950 Owen Lockwood opened a Texaco station which also included a marine hardware and boat business. As the boat business increased, Lockwood sold the service station and focused on sales of boats, mobile homes, and vehicle storage.



Before and after the 1949 Hurricane at Ocean Breeze Trailer Park.



The Lockwood home, marked as being on 5th Street.



The Lockwood Texaco Station, with a Correct Craft pulled by a Crosley.



Frances Langford's Fiat Jolly, 1959

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Building Negatives



From Sandra Thurlow, a little green box of negatives labeled “Buildings” included some images that succinctly capture a different time. There are many excellent images in this collection, here are a few of our favorites.



Stuart News Building



Marilyn's Pharmacy was in the Feroe Building between 1970 and 1974



Bill Greene's Chevy dealership hands over the keys to a dual control driver's education car in 1956



Originally built on Flagler Avenue (where Stuart City Hall now stands) in 1926 as the Peacock Arcade, the Commodore Hotel burned to the ground on 17 January 1959.



Royal Castle restaurant staff, 1964



Bruce & Harry's Super-Diner and Shell Station was at the corner of U.S.1 and Indiantown (Kanner); it opened in 1947, was replaced by Ernie's in 1960, and the building demolished in 1960.



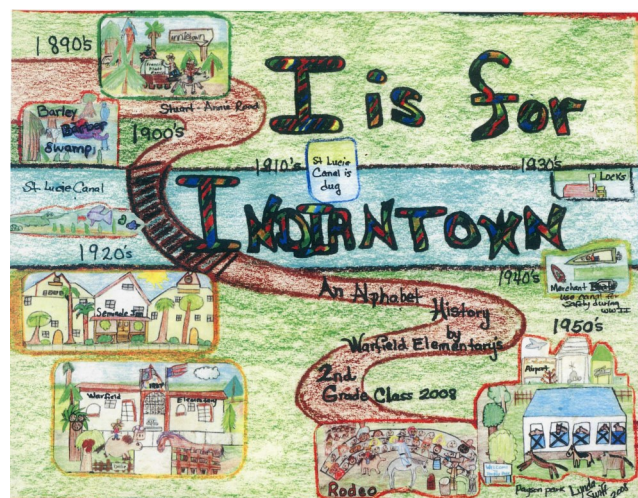
The Woodshed roadside stand on US 1, two and a half miles north of Stuart. The owner Paul Stotts and his wife, Ruby sold their wood-worked creations, often using cypress knees. The wood crafts sold at the stand included lamps, planters, bowls, souvenirs, and other novelties.

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Stuart Heritage Museum Indiantown Material



The museum's bin on Indiantown included several historic photos, a book written by Indiantown second graders, photographs taken during the production of the video *Pioneer Memories : A History of Cattle and Citrus in Martin County, Florida* ([available on YouTube](#)), and summaries of reminiscences of Edna Witham Coutant, former teacher and librarian.



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Stuart Heritage Museum Digital Material



We're working through the museum's collection of digital material. This material tends to be lower quality than our scans, and each image is sometimes in multiple formats. If we ever receive better quality images, we can always replace the images online. Many of these have been used in Alice Luckhardt's 2016 book, *Stuart : Images of America*.



Installed in 1954 by the Stuart Chamber of Commerce, *Stuart News* editor Edwin Menninger immediately expounded that "Capitol" should be "Capital" and it was soon corrected.



Chisholm's Grill, c. 1940. Established first as a simple hamburger stand in 1927 by William and Anna Chisholm, this became a small chain of restaurants throughout Florida. It was the first restaurant in Stuart to install air conditioning in 1939. It became the Meadows Restaurant in 1955.



Display of fish caught on the Hi-Hook II, c. 1955

It's that time again!

Please consider renewing or joining your local historical organizations as part of your holiday giving!

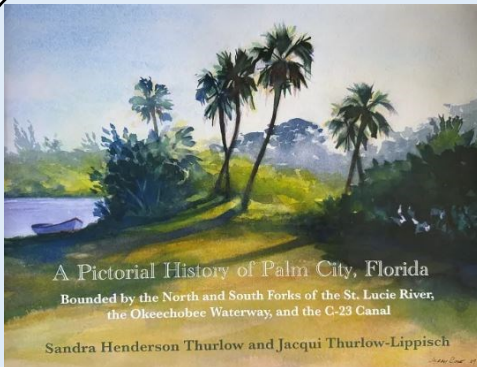
- [Stuart Heritage Museum](#)
- [Historical Society of Martin County](#)



New Exhibition at the Elliott Museum!

UFOs Denial-Disclosure-Discernment

Explore the mysteries of the unknown through the lenses of **Denial, Disclosure, and Discernment**. This exhibit takes you on a journey through decades of secrecy, where government agencies have concealed evidence and sightings have been dismissed.



A great holiday gift: *A Pictorial History of Palm City, Florida* by Sandra Thurlow and Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch

Book signings:

- Saturday, December 7, 10am-3pm at Stuart Heritage Museum, 161 SW Flagler Avenue, Stuart, FL
- Saturday, December 14, 1-4pm, at Peter and Julie Cummings Library, 2551 SW Matheson, Ave. Palm City, FL

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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, 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. [Click here to subscribe to this newsletter](#).
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