



Martin Digital History

Newsletter of martindigitalhistory.org

February 2025

Project Updates

- We added 798 items to the online project in January 2025, including materials from Sandra Thurlow, the Stuart Heritage Museum, and the Historical Society of Martin County/Elliott Museum. Thank you to all participants!
- Martin Digital History had a booth at the annual Treasure Coast History Festival in Fort Pierce on January 11th. Many people expressed their enthusiasm for the project and many others were pleased to learn about it. The event was very well planned and enjoyable, with speakers, exhibits, booths, food trucks, and music. Go next year if you can!
- Martin County Libraries social media pages have started adding MDH images on Thursdays (#throwbackthursday) and Fridays (#flashbackfridays); we're also adding the hashtag #MartinCounty100 to help promote the Centennial Celebrations
- Online exhibits now available. Short histories will now be available on the site, featuring materials from the collections.
- Thank you to Indian River Media group, for featuring MDH in their publication *Martin County Centennial, 1925-2025*; [also available online](#)

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The Tietig/Andrews Collection

In 2023, we added scans of the Parlin Collection - negatives donated to the Historical Society of Martin County by Agnes Parlin. This collection features photos of the Tietig and Andrews families on Sewall's Point and on visits to Palm Beach in the early twentieth century. Now we have added the Andrews Collection, which consists of several albums of prints and negatives featuring the travels of the Tietig family, donated by Agnes' daughter Margaret, and which includes many duplicates of the Parlin Collection images. The Tietig/Andrews Collection contains some wonderful early images that have been used in many publications. A note with the collection says that the photo albums were put together by Emilie Tietig, however, since she's in several of the photos, she can't be the only photographer. The collection offers an excellent glimpse into Martin County life in the 1900s.



Click or use phone camera
to see the collection



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Thurlow/Ruhnke/Ricou Collection



From Sandra Thurlow, we have received several boxes of negatives, chiefly the works of Arthur Ruhnke (1912-1986) and Earl Ricou (1923-2011). The material added this month includes two boxes marked "People" and includes many individual portraits, group portraits taken at club meetings and events, several images of Frances Langford and family, the Outrigger Resort, as well as a few storefronts and homes around Stuart. Most of the portraits are identified, but a few remain a mystery. We're always happy to receive help, so if you'd like to assist us with identifications, view our "[unidentified portraits](#)" and let me know if you recognize anyone!



Tree planted in Salerno school yard, c. 1960



Brownie troop on fire truck, 1955



Stuart Chamber of Commerce president with fishing guides, 1963



Burl Ives at the Langford and Evinrude home, 1960



Martin County Celebrates its Centennial in 2025! Check out the website for events and information!

martincounty100.com

MCLS spotlight: Chautauqua South

Storytellers, artists, historians and more. Click or use phone camera for full calendar:



Stuart Heritage Museum Event

**February 11, 5-8PM:
Night at the Museum**

Interested in Martin County history? Visit and subscribe to Sandra Thurlow's

[Sandy History Lady Blog](#)

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 Historical Society of Martin County, 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.](#)
- More information: martindigitalhistory.org
- Feedback, comments, questions? Contact the archivist: Georgen Charnes, gcharnes@martin.fl.us



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