

Attachment B: Descriptions of Collections to integrated in this project

Agency	Collection Description
<i>Alachua County Clerk of the Court, Gainesville, FL</i>	The Online Ancient Records Database consists of Marriage Records, 1837-1964; Deed Records, 1826-1933; County Commission Minutes, 1846-1903; Judgment Books and other Court Record Books; Plat Books (Entire County Collection); Will Books and other Probate Record Books, Probate & C file images Images from various Will, Administration, Guardianship and Civil Court Case files; and a collection of billheads and letterheads from probate &c files.
<i>Alachua County Library District Heritage Collection, Gainesville, FL</i>	Through the Digital Imaging of Special Collections (DISC) project administered by NEFLIN (Northeast Florida Library Information Network), the Alachua County Library District has digitized and made available on the WWW a unique collection of historic photographs relating to Gainesville and Alachua County history that have previously only been available to in-house library users. The materials scanned include historic photographs of local landmarks, family portraits, historic maps, community events, natural disasters, and other items of local interest. In the first year of the project, Alachua County Library District has digitized and cataloged 250 historic photographs. Each of these images is available online along with a brief description.
<i>May Hill Russell Public Library of Monroe County Public Library, Key West, FL</i>	Founded in 1892, during Key West's cigar industry boom and the Spanish-American conflict, the May Hill Russell Public Library holds a vast array of local history artifacts, governmental records, photographs, and rare manuscripts dating back to the 1820s. The targeted collection contains South Florida's oldest court records, photographs of historic structures (many still standing), early weather station logs, and the highly popular gingerbread-trim tracings. These items are of great interest to authors, researchers, artists, architects, and assorted citizenry of the "Southernmost City." Much of the collection is currently inaccessible to the public due to fragility and a lack of bibliographic control.
<i>Alachua County Historic Trust/Matheson Museum, Inc., Gainesville, FL</i>	The Museum's collections focus on Alachua County, North Central Florida, and include some general Florida historical material. Highlights include over 20,000 historic Florida postcards from every county in the state; 1,500 Florida stereoview cards; a large collection of illustrations of Florida from <i>Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper</i> and <i>Harper's Weekly</i> newspaper; the Bone Photograph Collection, featuring photographs taken by local professional photographer Elmer Bone from the 1920s-1950s (10,000 images); a general Alachua County photograph file (5,000 images); 100+ cubic feet of records of local businesses, families and civic and social groups; and 600 – 1000 objects (uncatalogued), dating from 1600s to present, and encompassing everything from arrowheads to period Eastlake furniture. The Museum's library boasts nearly 3,000 books on Florida history and culture subjects, City of Gainesville Directories dating from 1906, 400 novels set in Florida, and a 70 cubic-foot Alachua County history subject file of secondary source material.

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<i>University of South Florida, Special Collections Department, Tampa, FL</i>	<p>The Special Collections Department at the University of South Florida opened for service on February 1, 1962 and has been serving the research community in a variety of ways ever since. Begun primarily as a depository for Florida historical material, the department has grown and diversified in the years following its inception. One of the department's primary goals is to develop an exhaustive collection of Florida publications. To date, over seven thousand monographs and pamphlets have been cataloged for the department's Floridiana Collection. Special Collections is perhaps best known for its Burgert Brothers and Robertson & Fresh photo archives chronicling the growth of Tampa from the 1890s through the 1960s. These images are now digitized and available to the public through the USF Special Collections website along with complete descriptive metadata. The Kane-Greenberg and Bautz Collections of cigar industry art and progressive proof books are especially sought after by those studying the early cigar advertising industry in Tampa and the chromolithographic process that revolutionized this industry in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Additionally, the department is home to an extensive collection of aerial maps of Florida, over three hundred rare maps and navigational charts, story papers and other periodical publications, American chapbooks and toybooks, American giftbooks and annuals, seven thousand dime novels, Confederate currency, a major collection of early nineteenth century American schoolbooks, Spanish-American War collection, Florida postcards, Florida city directories, and American almanacs.</p>
<i>University of Florida, Special Collections, P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History</i>	<p>Since its inception, the P.K. Yonge Library has dedicated itself to collecting records on Florida's Spanish and British colonial history from archives around the world. The library currently holds more than 2.5 million microfilm images of important colonial documents. P.K. Yonge also curates the Joseph Byrne Lockey Collection (1784-1821), comprising all of Lockey's transcriptions and translations of Spanish colonial records from the Archivo General de Indias, the Archivo Historico Nacional, the Public Records Office, the East Florida Papers (Library of Congress), and other repositories. It contains more than 2300 map images of Florida dating between 1564 and 1926. This collection also contains 8,000 items related to the promotion of Florida, its resort and agricultural industries, and Florida memorabilia. These items range in date from 1854 to 1979.</p>
<i>Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa, FL</i>	<p>The Tampa Bay History Center is a regional history museum dedicated to the preservation and education of the Tampa Bay area's rich culture and diverse heritage. 50 items relevant to the time period have been identified for digital capture for this project.</p>

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<i>Henry B. Plant Museum, Tampa, FL</i>	The Henry B. Plant Museum interprets the turn-of-the-century Tampa Bay Hotel and the lifestyles of America's Gilded Age. Critical to the success of this mission is the restoration and preservation of this National Historic Landmark, an opulent 1891 railroad resort, and the artifacts significant to its history and the life and work of Henry Bradley Plant. Through educational exhibits and events, the museum transports visitors of all ages and backgrounds to the late Victorian period, the beginnings of Florida's tourist industry, and the early years of the City of Tampa.
<i>City of Key West, Key West, FL</i>	Five rolls of microfilm of 1890's era meeting minutes, police dockets and resolutions.
<i>Key West Art & Historical Society, Key West, FL</i>	The Society will make available 50 items from their collection. For digitization as part of the Ephemeral Cities project. Approximately 15 items are three-dimensional including: porcelain plates from the top hotel of the time, a fish-monger's cart, iron bells from the local convent, cranberry glassware, and the remaining 35 items are textual materials or still photographs.