

Education and Docent Guide 2009

Experiencing the New River Inn



The New River Inn was built in 1905 and became the first property in Broward County to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the oldest hotel structure in Broward and was constructed by Edwin T. King for Philemon Bryan. Built of hollow concrete blocks made with sand barge in from the beaches of Fort Lauderdale, the hotel featured forty guest rooms, a dining room, sewer and irrigation systems, running ice water, and was lit with carbide lamps. When this hotel was built, the area was surrounded by everglades, unlike today. The area was still considered very wild with birds, alligators, manatees and fish.

Experiencing the 1899 Replica School House

The 1899 Replica School House which is on the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society grounds is unfortunately not the original schoolhouse. In 1926, a hurricane came through Fort Lauderdale, and not only wiped out the city but took our schoolhouse along with it. What the students enter is a replica of what the schoolhouse may have looked like at the time. Before 1899, there was no school in Fort Lauderdale and it was by a request sent from Edwin King to the Dade County School Board for the funds to build a school here. Dade County provided 12 desks or benches, including a desk for the teacher and a salary for the teacher. Students were brought in by boat on the first day, and from then on walked to school with their fellow classmates. Students will learn what it was like to go to school in 1899.



FLHC General Vocabulary List

apprenticeship: The fixed amount of time a person must spend working for another person in order to learn the trade or business.

beau: A sweetheart or boyfriend of a girl or woman.

courting: The act of trying to win someone's love; dating.

community: A group of people who live together in one area, who have the same needs and interests.

curriculum: The course of study offered at a school.

drill: To teach someone something by repeating it over and over again.

dunce: One who is dill-witted or stupid. The word was derived from John Duns Scotus, who's once accepted writings were ridiculed in the 16th century

dunce cap: A conical cap formerly used as punishment for slow learners at school.

elocution: The art of effective public speaking

grammar: The rules of using language

moral: A lesson or message in a story which teaches good or right behavior.

trifle: To spend in a useless way.

truant: Somebody who is away from school without permission

virtue: A quality that people think is very good to have; honesty, kindness, patience are all virtues.

King-Cromartie House Vocabulary List

acetylene gas: A colorless gas made by the action of water on calcium carbide and used chiefly as a fuel; before the house was electrified, it was lit with acetylene gas.

cabinetmaker: A craftsperson who makes indoor furniture.

carpenter: A workman who builds or repairs wooden structures or their structural parts.

cistern: An artificial reservoir for storing liquids, especially water.

Dade County Pine: The name given to the Southern Slash Pine by early south Florida settlers; Dade County extended all the way to Lake Okeechobee. The wood of this tree is impervious to termites and was used extensively for house construction. Unfortunately, they replanted after they harvested and it takes one tree one-hundred years to mature to full growth.

emigrate: To leave one country or region to settle in another.

immigrate: To come to a country of which one is not a native, usually for permanent residence.

lean-to: Often the first shelter on a settler's land made from logs strapped together in a flat surface against the wind, leaning on poles for support.

pump: A devise that raises water from a well in the ground by suction or pressure or sometimes both.

settler: One who settles in a new region. A **pioneer** is defined as a person who ventures into unknown or unclaimed territory to settle; the first humans to settle in a particular area. While many of the settlers were indeed pioneers, many were not.

shanty: A roughly built cabin or dwelling.

Fort Lauderdale Time-line

1793-The Charles and Frankie Lewis family, the first known settlers, lived near the New River

1800-Seminole Indians settle in what is now Broward County; earlier tribes have died out.

1836-Cooley massacre: Mrs. Cooley, her three children and their tutor were killed during the Second Seminole War. Mr. Cooley was away in Key West.

1838-First fort built by Major Lauderdale and his Tennessee Volunteers; became a main base in the war

1893-Panthers and wolves prowled. Many deer and turkeys. Seminoles trapped and hunted. Hypoluxo-Lemon City stages line and New River ferry. Frank Stranahan opened the trade post, camp grounds; Stranahan post-master and banker. Seminoles trade alligator and otter.

1895-Intracoastal improved for boat traffic; boats, instead of stage, handled mail. Lewis Marshall arrived. Built packing house for his tomatoes.

1896-February 22nd, first passenger train, the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) was completed to Fort Lauderdale by Henry Flagler. Two months later, upon completion of the railway bridge over the New River, the train left for Miami. Susan Fox King arrives with her four children to meet her husband Ed King.

1897-Philemon Bryan arrived and lived at Stranahan camp until his house was completed in 1900.

1899-One room schoolhouse built by Ed King. Ivy Cromartie came from Lemon City (near Miami) to teach; lived with the King family.

1900-52 people living in Fort Lauderdale. Ivy Cromartie and Frank Stranahan marry in Lemon City.

1902-First marriage-Eva Bryan and Frank Oliver-took place at the Marshall Packing House, with the postmaster officiating. E.T. King builds hunting lodge in the shape of a gun for wealthy Adams.

1903-Sand road to Miami replaced by brick one. Church life begins. Methodists meet in schoolhouse

1904-First bridge for vehicles built over New River (Andrews Ave. area)

1905-The first hotel, the New River Inn, was completed by Ed King, who contracted P.T. Bryan. Everglades drainage began.

1907-King-Cromartie house built of Dade County Pine

1909-King builds house next door for Louise, who marries Bloxham Cromartie, Ivy's brother.

1910-King establishes Evergreen Cemetery and builds coffins in his boat shop.

1911-Fort Lauderdale incorporated March 27 by the 50 men eligible to vote. Electricity came to Fort Lauderdale. Ice plant built. First weekly newspaper published by Col. George Matthews.

1912-Volunteer fire department established.

1915-Broward County formed

1916-Woman's Club built in Stranahan Park

1917-Narrow Causeway with long wooden bridge-now Las Olas Blvd.

1926-Land boom failed; terrible hurricane. Seminoles moved to reservation land. Air transportation arrived.

1928-Port Everglades opened-population-8,000

Pre and Post Visit Activities

The activities on the following pages reinforce interpretative themes that will be explored during your visit here to the Historical Society. Below, we have outlined topics that the pre and post visit activities explore in conjunction with our tour. After their experience here, your students will be able:

Interpretive Themes

- A. To understand the social, cultural, and environmental transformation of Fort Lauderdale from an everglades wilderness to a booming city center.
 - a. The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society sits at the crossroads of the original Fort Lauderdale with Flagler's Railroad and the New River

- B. To develop critical thinking skills such as identifying objects, analyzing facts, retrieving information, and comparing the past to the present.
 - a. Students will witness pioneer life through seeing turn of the century objects such as a stereopticon, wood stoves, wash basins, and washboards.

- C. To provide examples of the importance of education in Fort Lauderdale at the turn of the 20th Century.
 - a. Although our schoolhouse here is a replica of the original, it stands symbolically as a cornerstone of education and social awareness in the early 20th century. It served as a community resource for education, social events, and worship.

Animals in Southern Florida

Write the names of the animals that would have been living right outside your front door or in the ocean in the late 1800's/early 1900's. These are only a small amount of what you would see out of your door.

Which ones can you still find living in the wild?



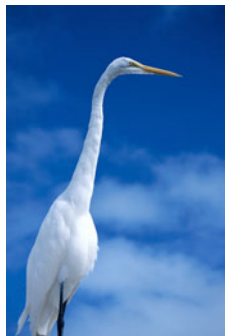


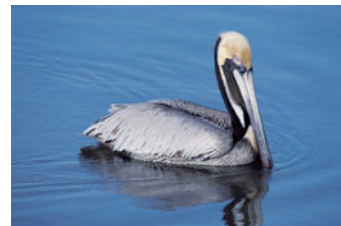












Games People Play: An explanation of the games the students will play onsite

Kitty in the Circle:

Created in 1902 for children to gain courage

Object of the game:

See how long you can keep your foot in before getting tagged

One kitty in the center of the circle; the rest around the outside

Each child on the outside tries to stick their foot in w/o getting caught

Once caught, the child on the outside, joins the one on the inside until all but one are in the center

One left on the outside wins and becomes the new kitty for the next game

Hunt the Ring (aka Find the Ring):

Can be used as a fun game or as a courting exercise

Children make a circle around a ribbon with a ring on it

Girls on the outside, boy on the inside

Boy closes eyes and the girls proceed to pass the ring around the circle

Moderator says stop; girls hide the ring

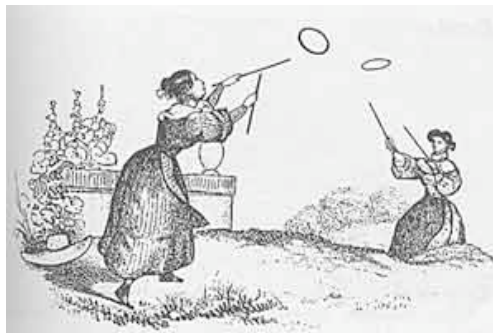
Boy opens his eyes and tries to guess who has the ring

If correct, Moderator states "Please meet your future bride"

Can be switched to have the girls find their husband

Played in the 18th century

Game of Graces:



It was considered both proper and beneficial exercise for young ladies in the early 1800's.

It was proper for boys to join in the game in the company of the girls or play by themselves as a "lark"

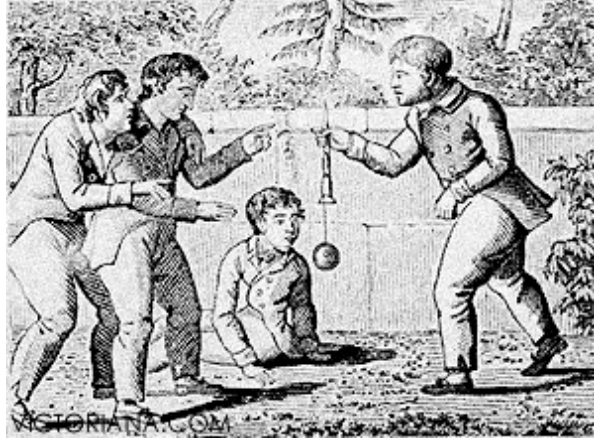
Also known as Les Graces or the Flying Circle, it was described as early as 1831 in the *American Girl's Book* and judging by children's books and store advertisements, it remained popular in the 19th century.

Rolling Hoops:

Popular toys from the time of the ancient Egyptians and Greeks all the way up to 19th century America

Try to keep the hoop moving using only the stick

Cup & Ball:



Favorite game for centuries

Object is to swing the wooden ball into the cup

Quite popular in Europe with adults and children throughout the time of settlement of the American Colonies

Easily made at home or purchased from a merchant

Victorian period saw many of these toys with elaborate designs

Whirlygig or Child's Buzzer:

Origin of the toy is found in the British Army Camps in NYC

Variously made from flattened bullet lead, old and worn out coins, and had two holes bored into them through which string was slipped and tied

Child wound it up by twirling on the thumbs, then gently pulling and releasing, the disc was rapidly turned first in one direction and then in the other

Personal Time Line

Think about your history. Think about the events in your life that you consider important (for example, a trip to Disney World or the birth of your baby brother).

Use these to put together a record of your own history.

Ask yourself: When were you born? Where were you born? Do you have siblings? Do you have a pet? Did you ever move?

Make a list, a timeline like we have of Fort Lauderdale.

Supplies: Paper, taped together to make a long sheet. Pencil, crayons or markers

Instructions:

1. List the important things that have happened in your life.
2. Write the years of your life and date on the left side of the paper
3. Look at your list and enter the important events at the correct year.
Feel free to draw pictures or cut out pictures to put next to the events.

Writing Prompts

- You are one of 14 children in Fort Lauderdale's first one room schoolhouse. Think of something fun and enjoyable you do on your way to school, or on your way home.
- The Seminoles tell stories to explain the outdoors or natural events. Tell your own story about how a natural event may have occurred.
- After learning about how the Seminoles lived you and your family visited the Everglades. It is now your favorite out door place to visit. Explain why?
- You and your family have just arrived at Fort Lauderdale's New River settlement in 1898. You and the other Fort Lauderdale children who already live there are alike and different in many ways. Explain how you and the other children are alike and different
- Ivy Stranahan and Marjorie Stoneman Douglas were both independent Florida Pioneer Women. How were they alike? How were they different?
- You are the barefoot mailman. You carried the mail between 1885-93 on a 136-mile roundtrip route between Palm Beach/Lake Worth and Biscayne Bay in Miami. The trip took five days. Along the way you encounter many obstacles and have many adventures. Tell a story about these obstacles or one of your adventures.
- It is 1899. You are 18-year-old Ivy Cromartie, Fort Lauderdale's first public schoolteacher, who just arrived by train from your family's home in Lemon City. Tell about your dreams, expectations and plans for the future.

Sunshine State Standards

Pre-K through 2nd Grade

SS.A.1.1
SS.A.5.1
LA.C.1.1
LA.C.2.1
LA.C.3.1

Grades 3-5

SS.A.1.2
SS.A.5.2
SS.A.6.2
SS.B.2.2
LA.C.1.2
LA.C.2.2
LA.C.3.2

Grades 6-8

SS.A.1.3
SS.A.5.3
SS.A.6.3
SS.B.2.3
LA.C.1.3
LA.C.2.3
LA.C.3.3

Grades 9-12

SS.A.1.4
SS.A.5.4
SS.B.2.4
LA.C.1.4
LA.C.2.4
LA.C.3.4

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society

School Program Evaluation

Thank you for joining us at the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society for our school programs. We are glad you could join us and hope to see you again in the past. Please fill out the following form and return it to the Director of Educational Services at your earliest convenience.

Date of Visit: _____

School Name: _____

Please rate the overall program:

Less than expected 1 2 3 4 5 Exceeded expectations

Please rate the guide in each building:

New River Inn:

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent

King-Cromartie House:

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent

1899 Schoolhouse:

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent

What did your group enjoy most?

What did your group enjoy least?

Was this guide helpful in planning your visit? YES NO

If so, how? If not, how can it be improved

Will you join us again? YES NO

Additional Comments

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