Contributors

CHARLES WILLIAM PIERCE the only son of Hannibal Dillingham Pierce and Margaret Moore was born in Waukegan, Illinois, July 16, 1864. His father came originally from Maine where he had gone to sea as a whaler. His mother was a school teacher in the Chicago area.

The family moved to Florida in 1872, coming by sailboat down the Mississippi and across to Cedar Keys and by railroad to Jacksonville and shortly thereafter settled on Lake Worth where they homesteaded the lower end of Hypoluxo Island, located in the south end of that lake.

His boyhood and young manhood were spent in the great outdoors of this primeval area. Although never having had the advantage of a formal education, his mother was careful to give him a real background of basic knowledge. This coupled with an avid desire to read and learn developed him into a man with a great depth of knowledge of places and things.

He married Yallahs Lizette Wallack in Lemon City in 1895 and moved to the town of Boynton which was just being settled. There he remained the balance of his life. He was the town's first postmaster and at the time of his death on July 10, 1937 had the longest tenure of office of any Postmaster in South Florida. He was active in the civic life of Boynton and served eight years as President of the Bank of Boynton.

Always a lover of the outdoors and southeast Florida, by reason of his early environment, he wrote a number of articles based on various trips and cruises. During the last ten years of his life he spent his spare time recounting his life and experiences on the lower east coast of Florida from 1872 to 1925. This account of the Cruise of the *Bonton*, based on the log of that journey over forty years earlier, was completed just before his death.

He is survived by a son, Charles L. Pierce of Fort Lauderdale and a sister Mrs. F. C. Voss of Boynton Beach.

By Charles L. Pierce

CHARLES L. PIERCE who prepared the biographical sketch of his father, is a retired banker in Fort Lauderdale who also has a great interest in local history about which he is frequently asked to speak.

WILLIAM B. ROBERTSON, Jr., who prepared the footnotes and the ornithological notes is Park Biologist for the Southeastern Region, National Park Service, with an office at the Everglades National Park Headquarters. He has made an intensive five year study of birds of the region.

The Association's Historical Marker Program

On January 20, 1962 in ceremonies at Homestead and Key West the Association dedicated two historical markers "The Railroad That Went to Sea" and "Southern Terminus of Overseas Railway." Sponsored by the Homestead-Redlands District Chamber of Commerce, the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Overseas Railway began with a breakfast at eight o'clock in the Homestead National Guard armory. Mrs. Jean Louise Flagler Mook, granddaughter of Henry M. Flagler, and William H. Krome of Homestead, son of William J. Krome, chief construction engineer on the project, unveiled the marker in Citizen Soldier Wayside Park on U. S. Highway 1. Homestead. David C. Eldredge delivered the address.

THE RAILROAD THAT WENT TO SEA

Here began the world-famed "Overseas Railway" which for twenty-three years—from 1912 to 1935—carried trains of the Florida East Coast Railway across the Everglades and over the Florida Keys to Key West. Financed entirely by Henry M. Flagler, Florida's Bold Empire Builder, the construction of this unique seagoing railroad was one of the notable engineering feats of the 20th century. Hurricane damage in September 1935 led to its abandonment as a railroad and its acquisition by the State of Florida. In 1938 it was converted to the Overseas Highway.

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A motorcade then moved south over what had been the railroad grade and bridges to Key West. At four o'clock in the afternoon the second dedication, sponsored by Holiday Inn of Key West marked the southern terminus of the railroad. Mrs. Mook and Mrs. Nora K. Smiley, sister of William J. Krome and author with Louise V. White of *Hurricane Road* a book dealing with the building of the railroad, unveiled the marker and William B. Thompson, Jr., President of the Florida East Coast Railway, gave the dedicatory address.

SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF THE OVERSEAS RAILWAY

Here on January 22, 1912, the "Flagler Special" the first passenger Train ever to arrive in Key West, came to a halt and Henry M. Flagler, Florida's Empire Builder, was tumultuously welcomed by the largest outpouring of citizens in the city's history. The Train's arrival marked the completion of one of the world's most remarkable railroads. For twenty three years—from 1912 to 1935—passenger trains were operated on daily schedule from Key West and New York and car ferries were operated between Key West and Havana. In 1938 the railroad was converted to the Overseas Highway.

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On Saturday October 13, 1962, officers and members of the Association joined with citizens of Fort Myers and visitors to commemorate October as the "Month of Achievement" in the life of Thomas A. Edison by dedicating a marker at his home, sponsored by the City of Fort Myers. The day's events began with a luncheon at the Royal Palm Yacht Club. At 2:30 P. M. Charles Edison Poyer, a nephew of Edison and Robert C. Halgrim, manager of the Edison estate unveiled the marker. Robert H. Fite, President of the Florida Power and Light Company delivered the address. A reception on the estate grounds and a complimentary tour of the home and laboratory followed the dedication ceremonies.

EDISON HOME

"Seminole Lodge", winter home and laboratory of famed inventor Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931) who came to Fort Myers in 1884 for the first of a long series of "working vacations." Here he spent countless hours with co-workers to perfect earlier inventions such as the incandescent light bulb, the phonograph, moving picture camera and storage battery, and to explore new ideas. (1097 U. S. Patents) He also developed here one of the most extensive tropical botanical gardens in the United States. On a miniature rubber plantation he found Florida goldenrod the most promising native plant to produce natural rubber. Mrs. Edison, before her death in 1947, gave the estate to the City of Fort Myers.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA, INC.--1962

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1962 HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA, INC. MIAMI, FLORIDA

CASH — SEPTEMBER 1, 1961		\$18,601.01
RECEIPTS:		
Dues Collected	81.00 483.34 100.95 931.55 45.00 300.00 185.14 3.72	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		8,031.35
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE		\$26,632.36
Salaries Office Supplies and Printing Tequestas Publication Costs Newsletter Publication Costs Other Publication Costs Meetings Expense Library Marker Fund Expense Purchase of Books for Resale Executive Secretary's Expenses Other Expenses Building and Grounds Maintenance and Repairs Interest on Mortgage Insurance F.I.C.A. Taxes Purchase of Furnishings and Equipment Building Improvements Payments on Mortgage Principal	383.41 967.06 450.62 180.00 536.27 93.87 865.37 567.95 68.00 604.86 1,296.79 1,416.24 266.86 27.09 359.39 49.90 1,283.76	11.150.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		11,150.80
CASH — AUGUST 31, 1962		

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION EQUITY AS OF AUGUST 31, 1962 AND AUGUST 31, 1961 HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA, INC. MIAMI, FLORIDA

	Balance August 31, 1962	Balance August 31, 1961
CASH:		· ************************************
Cash in Bank: Checking Account Savings Account Petty Cash Fund	14,429.15	\$ 2,861.00 15,740.01 —0—
TOTAL CASH	\$15,481.56	\$18,601.01
SECURITIES (at Market Value)	\$ 3,103.87	\$ 3,487.88
OTHER ASSETS:		
Tequestas on Hand Non-Association Publications on Hand Utility Deposit	490.46	\$ 867.00 591.04 50.00
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$ 1,559.46	\$ 1,508.04
FIXED ASSETS (AT COST)		
Museum: Land Building Building Improvements Furnishings and Equipment	25,749.44 8,403.55	\$15,000.00 25,749.44 8,353.65 815.60
Total	\$50,327.98	\$49,918.69
Less — Balance Due on Mortgage	22,902.62	24,186.38
Net Equity in Museum	\$27,425.36	\$25,732.31
Audio Visual Equipment	1,240.61	1,240.61
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$28,665.97	\$26,972.92
TOTAL ASSETS	\$48,810.86	\$50,569.85
LIABILITIES:		
Employee Withholding Taxes	62.12	
TOTAL NET WORTH	\$48,748.74	\$50,569.85

LIST OF MEMBERS

EXPLANATORY NOTE: The Association provides several classes of membership. "Sustaining" members who pay five dollars a year make up the basic membership. For those who wish to contribute more for the promotion of the Association's work the other classes of membership provide the opportunity, and the publication of their names in the proper category of membership is a means of recognition. "Patrons" pay ten dollars a year, "Donors" pay twenty-five dollars a year, "Contributors" pay fifty dollars a year, "Sponsors" pay one hundred dollars a year, and "Benefactors" pay two hundred and fifty or more dollars a year.

This printed roster is made up of the names of those persons and institutions that have paid dues in 1961, or in 1962 before September 30 when this material must go to the press. Those joining after this date in 1962 will have their names included in the 1962 roster. The symbol ** indicates founding member and symbol * indicates charter member.

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