

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

January 12, 2026

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026 at the Marion County Growth Services Building, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

Roll Call: Dr. Richard Cardinali, Mrs. Bertha Flynn, Mrs. Becky Long, Mrs. Cynthia Wilson-Graham, Mr. Courtland Richards, and Mrs. Judy Delk. A quorum was established.

Guests: Heather Flynn and Bill Nicoll.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 08, 2025 meeting were presented. Mrs. Long made a correction. Courtland Richards moved, Mrs. Long seconded, and all approved the minutes as corrected.

Financial Report: Motion by Dr. Cardinali, seconded by Mr. Richards and all approved as presented.

Old Business:

A letter will be sent to FDEP regarding the Roosevelt Village marker. Mrs. Long will involve Commissioner McClain with this.

Newt Perry Day: Courtland Richards reports the City Proclamation was presented to Delee Perry last week, honoring Mr. Perry. The \$4,500 has been raised to make the plaque, which will be installed prior to the formal dedication ceremony. The Marion Theater will be showing "Distant Drums" that evening.

Mr. Richards has spoken to Alan Youngblood (former Star-Banner employee) regarding storage of the Ocala Star-Banner newspapers. He is also working on scheduling video interviews with Guy Marwick and a second boat captain's interview.

Mrs. Wilson-Graham states the Emerson School marker is all approved, but on hold. The Santos community information is compiled.

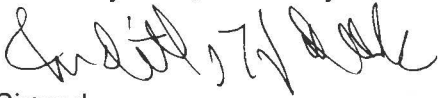
New Business:

Donations: Mrs. Long moved and Mrs. Wilson-Graham seconded, to accept the donations, loan them back to the Marion County Museum of History & Archaeology, for them to research, accession, and display, store or dispose, as they deem necessary.

Mrs. Delk reminds with the District 2 and 4 county commission seats to be elected later this year, this could unseat two of the Historic Commission members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is 02/09/26.
Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Delk".

Signed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Cardinali".

Dr. Richard Cardinali, President

Items for consideration by the Marion County Historical Commission at their
January 12, 2026 meeting.

- a. Jan Jernigan Chapman Collection [She is the daughter of Jim Jernigan who operated a photography studio on the Blvd. for decades.]
 - i. Seminole-patterned man's shirt, cotton, made for photographer Jim Jernigan by the Seminole women at Silver Springs
 - ii. 21 photo prints, various sizes, mounted and unmounted
 - iii. 5 issues of Osceola Middle School Tee Pee Talk newsletter dated March 1972, October 1972, December 1972, May 1973, and April 1973,
 - iv. Ocala High School Ocaleean yearbooks dated 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1967, 1968, 1969, and 1970

Images of the photos and the shirt are below:



Agua Salva, 1915/16

Expo. de San Francisco
Old Market, N.Y.





Ocala, Fla. West Broadway



Silver Spring on the Ocklawaha River (Florida)



Having a grand time at
Florida's Silver Springs





30 PANORAMIC VIEW OF FLORIDA'S FAMED SILVER SPRINGS

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Broadway looking E., Ocala, Fla.



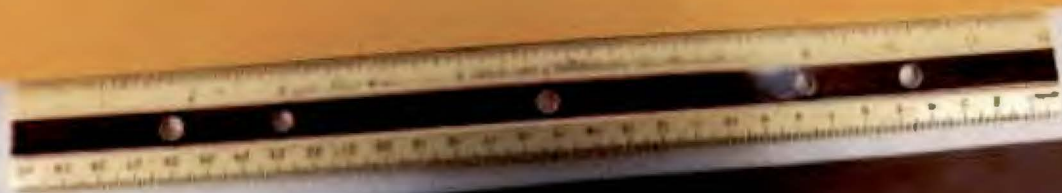
U.S. — Magnolia Street, Looking South, Ocala, Fla.







Seeing Silver Springs in Glass Bottom Boats.





Ocala, Fla. West Broadway













Silver-Springs: Fla. Steamboat Landing and Ferry Station.

