

## MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### Minutes

November 10, 2025

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:05 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025 at the Marion County Growth Services Building, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Cardinali.

**Roll Call** – Commission Members present included Dr. Richard Cardinali, Judy Delk, Courtland Richards, Becky Long and Cynthia Wilson-Graham. A quorum was established.

GUESTS: Bill Nicoll, and Aysia King.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

### **Minutes:**

The October 13, 2025 minutes were presented. Corrections were made. Becky Long moved, Cynthia Wilson-Graham seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected.

**Financial Report:** Motion by Judy Delk, seconded by Mrs. Long Graham and all approved as presented.

### **Old Business:**

Vacancies on the commission: Mrs. Long reports Deb Chappell Bond has turned in her application again, as previous one was stale-dated. Mrs. Delk reports William Nicoll has also turned in updated application for stale-dated one previously on file. Both have lived here virtually all their lives and have interest and knowledge of historical context.

Video Project: Courtland Richards reports having spoken with Delee Perry additionally and work is progressing on the Newt Perry Day on January 06, 2026 sponsored by the City of Ocala.

Becky Long announced Jennifer Clark contacted Tallahassee multiple times for any progress on the Roosevelt Village proposed historic marker for the “island” at the site of the proposed Cross Florida Barge Canal at 441 and SW 80<sup>th</sup> St. No response thusfar.

HISTORICAL OUTREACH: Mrs. Delk reports the cancellation of the November 16 museum program, speaker being out of state for family issues.

PROPOSED 2026 MEETING DATES: Reviewed, and October 12, 2026 being Columbus Day, Dr. Cardinali suggested meeting venue be changed to the Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology. Jennifer will be notified to advertise the change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is 12/08/25.

Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary

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Signed,  
Dr. Richard Cardinali, President

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Marion County Museum of History & Archaeology P. O. Box 4383 Ocala FL 34478  
352-236-5245 - 307 SE 26<sup>th</sup> Ter, Ocala, FL 34471 All programs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of odd months, all programs at 2 p.m. in Green Clover Hall, 319 SE 26<sup>th</sup> Ter. Reception following the program in the museum itself. Admission free to members, \$5 to nonmembers. Individual and family memberships available for sale at events.

September 21, 2025 – Tammy Gantt, “HOW’D OCALA BECOME THE HORSE CAPITAL?” Come learn about the historic horse farms, Thoroughbred influence, and geology that makes Marion County synonymous with horses!

November 16, 2025 – **CANCELLED** - Jeff Davies, author. Florida: A History in Pictures.

January 18, 2026 – Marian Rizzo and Robert L. Knight, authors. Silver Springs: The Liquid Heart of Florida.

March 15, 2026 – Jonathan Rich, author. Spires in the Sun. The carpenter gothic Episcopal churches of Florida.

May 17, 2026 Celeste Godwin Viale. History of Ocklawaha Bridge Baptist Church.

July 19, 2026 Dr. Joe Knetsch, author and historian with his annual visit and program.

## MCHC List for their December 8, 2025 meeting

### 1. Thomas Collection, loan:

- a. Salt-glazed, stoneware gin jug, British, c. 1760-1815



[Historical note – The jug was found in Marion County by James Vernon Priest (1907-1982). His horse kicked it up while he was riding around a low pond on a turpentine job. Priest was a lifelong resident of Ft. McCoy.]

### 2. Camillari Collection, donation:

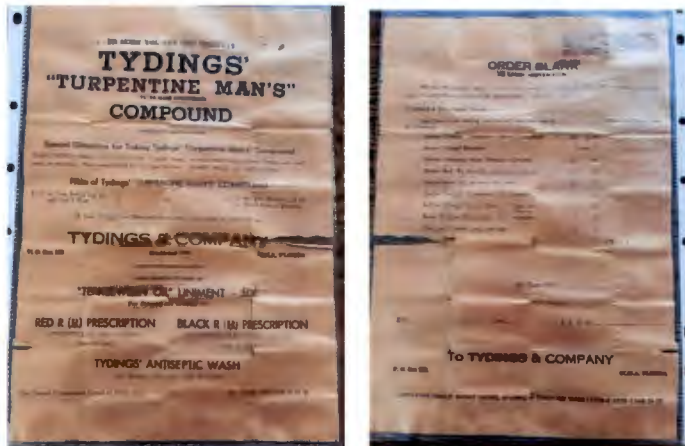
- a. Financial records of the Tydings family 1922, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1948
- b. Checks drawn on the Commercial Bank & Trust Co., 1953
- c. 6 oz. bottle, partially filled, of Tydings "Black R" patent medicine with box



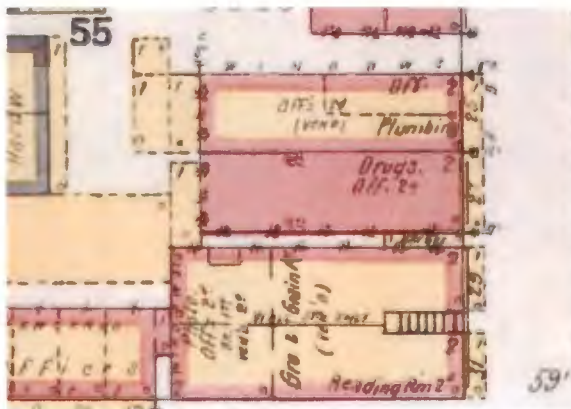
d. Tydings & Co. drug store label for "Black R" patent medicine



e. Tydings & Co. drug store flyer with order form on reverse



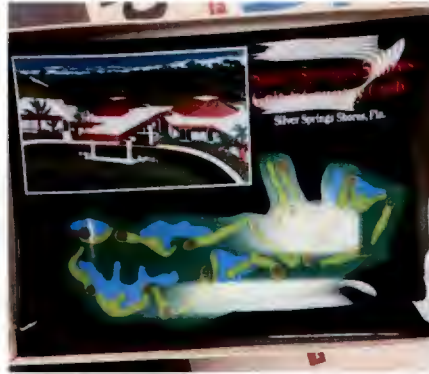
[Historical note – Charles Richard Tydings (1864-1939) and his son Charles Robert Tydings (1893-1970) owned Tydings & Co. drug store. The business was founded in the 1890s and was located on the west side of what is now SE 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. between Broadway & Ft. King. The younger Tydings served in the First World War.]





3. Reaves Collection, donation:

- a. Glazed ceramic coin/key tray from Silver Spring Shores Golf & Country Club



- b. Metal plaque with name of Linder Industrial Machinery with Ocala listed as one of the cities with the company's locations. The Ocala location was opened by at least 1987. The donor of the piece worked in the office at the Ocala location.

