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Originally designed for architect Frank Milburn's 1902 additions to the Florida Capitol, the interior stained glass dome was a focal point of the rotunda. In the early 20th century the glass was removed due to damage caused by leaks. During the historic restoration of the building, researchers found over one hundred pounds of the original stained glass that had been discarded in an interior wall. Today, visitors to the Florida Historic Capitol Museum will find a replica of the 1902 interior dome.

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Allen and wife Joan in the darkroom of the Florida State University Photographic Archives, 1972.

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Dear Reader,

It is with great pleasure that we present the 34th edition of *The Florida Handbook*, thus continuing the tradition of Allen and Joan Morris. Allen Morris, the Clerk of the Florida House from 1966-1986, initiated the handbook in 1947 as an official guide to the state's history, government, and statistics. Joan Morris first assisted with and then continued updating and publishing the near 800-page guide after Allen's death until its final print edition, 2011-2012.

Allen and Joan Morris dedicated their lives to public service in the State of Florida, and they poured out that interest and love for their state in the recurring print editions of *The Florida Handbook*.

Gerald Ensley wrote an opinion piece published in the *Tallahassee Democrat* entitled "Morrises' Handbook Ends Its Run" citing that earlier versions of the handbook sold nearly 200,000 copies, though the final edition ran only 1,200. The publication, which has been used as a civics textbook, an almanac of Florida, and a vision into the state's history, had finally met the challenge that so many other publications have met—the digital revolution. Joan Morris herself, in announcing the retirement of the handbook, stated that she thought it might succeed as an online publication.

While it is fitting that all authors, editors, and publishers review their place and that of their publications in the electronic media age, too many of us felt strongly that the handbook's time had not come to an end. In 2013, I asked that the Clerk of the House engage in conversations with Joan Morris about continuing the publication and, further, to institute her idea to make *The Florida Handbook* an electronic publication available to all, free of charge. Joan thought it was an excellent idea and authorized the undertaking.

As a part of this review, we went back and looked at the previous editions and added back some articles that had long since been dropped in order to manage the publication's length. You will also note the addition of a hyperlinked table of contents that allows you to quickly find specific sections. And, we've increased the number of photographs and illustrations to add color and life to the reference articles and histories. We will continue to expand these new features in future editions of *The Florida Handbook*.

Finally, I would like to thank Joan Morris for her passion, many years of dedicated service, and for continuing *The Florida Handbook* after Allen's death in 2002. He is still missed as the quintessential expert on this state and as a Florida historian, but he lives on in the handbook. Also, I thank the many authors and experts who have contributed in the past, helped update earlier articles, and added to this new edition.

We look forward to continuing to provide this valuable resource to the people of Florida.

Sincerely,

Will Weatherford Speaker

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With its sections now available for download online in this Portable Data Format (PDF), this handbook has capabilities impossible for the print version. The table of contents of each section is linked to the chapters within, so that jumping to them is as simple as clicking the mouse. Plus, a link back to the table of contents appears in the bottom right corner of every page, making it easy to return to the beginning at any time. Also, hyperlinks to relevant websites outside of the document are scattered throughout the text and provide quick access to additional information. And don't forget the "Find" function: by pressing Control(Command)+F, you can search an entire section for any topic all at once.

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