

**HISTORY OF THE
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OF
AMERICAN FORESTERS**

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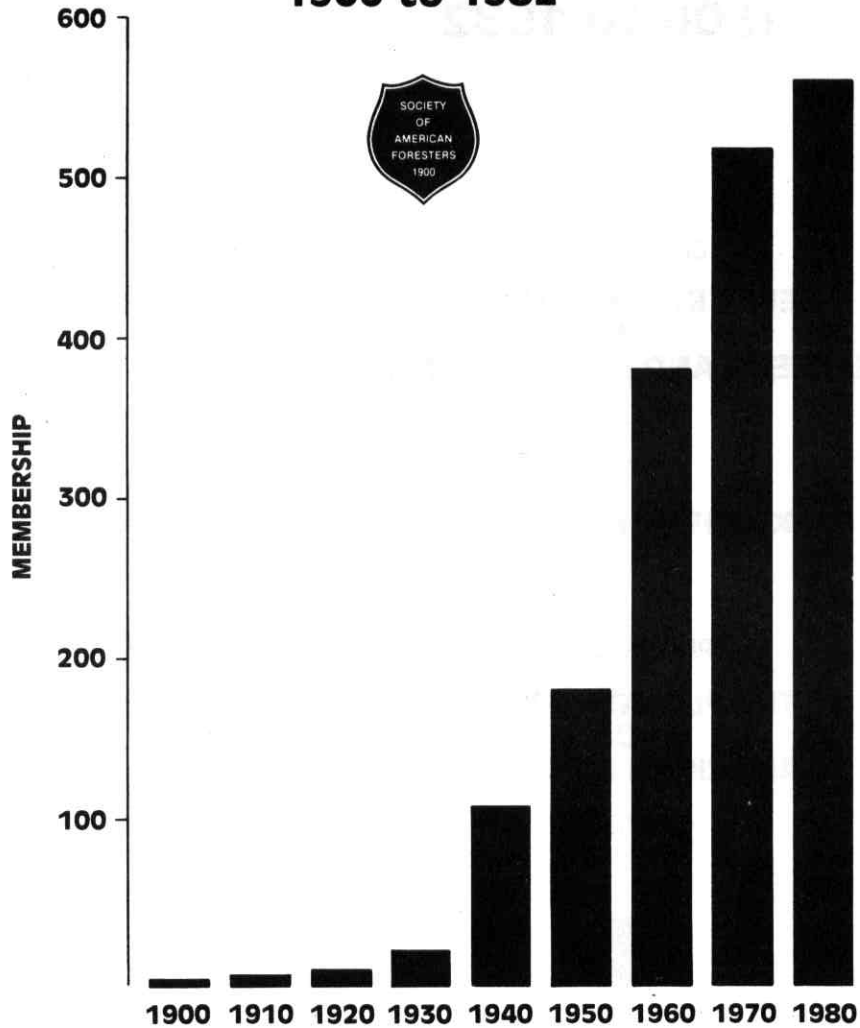
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Preface

This brief history first tabulates Society of American Foresters membership in Florida by year, where available (Table 1). Those years when organizational events occurred (such as sectionizing or chapter formation) are flagged.

Next, the dates and locations of Florida meetings of the Southeastern Section SAF (of which Florida was a part in the period 1928-1966) are tabulated, along with names of Floridians serving as Southeast chairman and the date, volume, and number of Southeast newsletters preserved in Florida archives (Table 2). This table also contains information on Florida Chapter SAF meetings, officers, and newsletters for the period 1949-1966.

In 1966 the Florida Chapter became the Florida Section SAF, which then became the Florida SAF in 1982. The associated meeting dates and locations, officers, and newsletters (entitled "Florida Forester") are presented in Table 3.

Within the Florida Section SAF, local chapters were formed; chapter officers are listed in Table 4, but records of chapter meetings are too scanty to tabulate.

National and international forestry meetings occurring in Florida, and Floridians associated with national or international events are listed in Table 5.

Finally, other important collateral events affecting the practice or profession of forestry in Florida, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Panama Canal Zone (the area embraced by the Florida Society of American Foresters) are tabulated (Table 6), including the names of earliest resident professional foresters associated with the start of significant programs or agencies.

These six tables do not constitute an analytical history, nor do they attempt to document quantitatively the truly great forestry achievements made within the above-described area in the period 1900-1982. It is hoped, however, that the tables will serve as a frame or index for agencies wishing to prepare their own inhouse histories that document achievements and the chain of responsibility.

In addition to the Florida SAF archives (consisting of correspondence, programs, minutes, proceedings, newsletters, and membership directories), the author recommends reference to the following periodicals or serials for the time frames specified:

1906-82	American Forests, volumes 12-88.
1939-62	Caribbean Forester, volumes 1-24 (USFS Tropical Forest Experiment Station, Puerto Rico).
1928-68	Florida Board of Forestry, Biennial Reports 1-20.
1942-82	Forest Farmer, volumes 1-41.
1917-82	Journal of Forestry, volumes 15-80.
1928-50	Naval Stores Review, volumes 37-59.
1916-29	Proceedings of Southern Forestry Congresses, 1st through 11th.
1938-82	Pulp and Paper, volumes 12-56.
1935-41	Society [of American Foresters] Affairs, volumes 1-7.
1916-80	Society of American Foresters Membership Directories (1916, 1924, 1935, 1939, 1950, 1956, 1971, 1975, 1980).
1928-37	Southern Lumber Journal, volumes 32-41.
1938-82	Southern Pulp and Paper Manufacturer, volumes 1-45.
1933-82	United States Statutes at Large, 73rd-97th Congresses of the United States.
1925-73	U. S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Organizational Directories (1925-46, 1948-54, 1958, 1960-68, 1970-73).

A few narrow portions of the spectrum are covered in printed books or pamphlets:

- Anonymous. 1979. Tall timbers: quadrennial report 1975-79. Tallahassee, Florida. 40 pp.
- Gifford, John C. and Rothra, Elizabeth O. 1972. On preserving tropical Florida. University of Miami Press. 222 pp.
- Komarek, Edwin V., Sr. 1977. Tall timbers research station: a quest for ecological understanding—the secretary's review March 15, 1958-June 30, 1975. Tallahassee, Florida. 140 pp.
- Merrill, Perry H. 1981. Roosevelt's forest army: a history of the civilian conservation corps 1933-1942. Published by author, 200 Elm Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602. 208 pp.
- Widner, Ralph R. [ed.] 1968. Forests and forestry in the American states: a reference anthology. National Association of State Foresters, Missoula, Montana. 594 pp. (esp. pp. 447-455).

Also, the Forest History Society's Santa Cruz archives contain items involving Florida for 1969-1972 not cited by me (shelf-list 237 box 5 and 258 box 213 with H. K. Steen's letter of 8-16-82 to me).

Finally, there is unpublished typescript information, of which only a small portion is listed below. Undoubtedly, company or agency files contain pertinent but uncited records. Two purposes of this brief chronology are to encourage discovery and awareness of other potential source material, and to stimulate compilation and publication of detailed inhouse histories of forestry organizations.

- Anonymous. [1954?]. Highlights of the southern forest experiment station (1921-1954). 11-page typescript.
- Anonymous. 1964. The national forests, purchase units, national grasslands, and land utilization projects [of] region 8: a chronological record of actions and area changes 1911-1964. 42-page typescript.
- Anonymous. [1977?]. Highlights of forestry in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. 4-page typescript.
- Kendrick, Baynard. 1967. Florida's perpetual forests. 266-page typescript. Commissioned by Florida Board of Forestry 4-1-66.
- Paxton, Percy J. 1950. The national forests and purchase units of region 8. 56-page typescript.
- Tyson, Willie K. 1956. History of the utilization of longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris* Mill.) in Florida from 1513 until the twentieth century. University of Florida M.A. thesis. 123-page typescript.
- White, Roy Ring. 1960. Austin Cary and forestry in the south. University of Florida Ph.D. dissertation. 271-page typescript.

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