

# Miami Pioneers / Natives of Dade

celebrating and preserving the local history of Miami-Dade County, Florida

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## Next Meeting Sunday, September 9 at 2:30pm

Central Christian Church  
222 Menores Ave, Coral Gables 33134

Enter the door at the south side of the building on Mendoza Ave. Parking in west lot is also available if you enter from Menores Ave. Street parking is also free on Sunday.

## Correspondence

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## Dues

Please pay your \$20 dues in September at the meeting, or mail your check made to MP/NOD to our Treasurer: Marlene B. Carlin, 14900 SW 71 Ave, Miami, FL 33158. The cost of receiving the newsletter in the mail is an additional \$10 a year.

## Donations

Our club appreciates donations to help pay for our expenses. We ask members to donate one dollar when attending the meetings to help cover the cost of the room rental.

## Refreshments

We very much appreciate those who can provide refreshments such as cookies, crackers, brownies, etc.

## 2018-20 Officers

our president is Seth Bramson  
vice president, Robert Burr  
corresponding secretary, Mary Pyle  
recording secretary, Barbara Koesy  
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past president, James Hartnett

## Sunday, September 9 Monthly Meeting

The next meeting of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade will take place at the usual location at 2:30pm.

## Christine Rupp, Executive Director of Dade Heritage Trust

Our guest speaker is Christine Rupp, Executive Director of Dade Heritage Trust -- with an update on the many important projects DHT is supporting in the coming year.

Christine is responsible for many great programs and events in the community including the Historic Biltmore Tour, Brickell Avenue North Walking Tour, Coconut Grove Bike Tour, the Book & Attic Sale, Dade Heritage Days and much more.

Dade Heritage Trust's advocacy program has assisted with the rescue and restoration of many historic venues throughout Miami-Dade County. Working with partner organizations and governments, Dade Heritage Trust has preserved and continues to advocate for responsible development and preservation of our community's historic resources.



## Newsletter Mailing Fee

Please be advised that all members who wish to receive this printed newsletter in the mail must pay \$10 a year to cover the cost of printing and postage. Please add \$10 to your annual dues payment of \$20. There is no fee for receiving the newsletter via email.

## September Birthdays

- 1 Kay Kuge
- 1 Marilyn Wycoff
- 3 Doris Boiesen
- 4 Mary Ellis
- 7 James Hartnett
- 8 Mildred McGlamery
- 13 Jane Wilson
- 15 Suzette Pope
- 15 Patricia Ware
- 16 Patricia Powers
- 17 Marie Amerise
- 19 E R Brownell
- 19 Carl Wright II
- 25 Peter Forrest
- 26 Tom Wood
- 27 J. Metz Jr
- 29 Ceal Diaz
- 29 June Smith

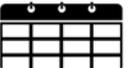
## Member Update: Peter Forrest

MP/NOD member Peter Forrest is resting comfortably at The Residence United Home Care facility at 9355 SW 158th Avenue, room 107. His phone number is 786-878-5140 x8407.

Peter always gathered books of historical interest for our annual raffle at the Installation Luncheon. We miss him and hope to see him again at a meeting soon. His birthday is September 25.

## SUGGESTIONS

Members should feel free to offer suggestions on upcoming historical topics, guest speakers and field trips for our group, or any other topic. Contact us via email: [suggestions@mpnod.org](mailto:suggestions@mpnod.org)

Save The Date 

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 7th for our next meeting.

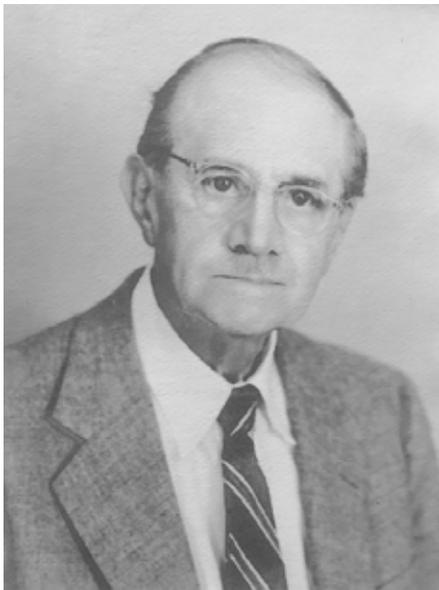
# Fred Hand's Pioneer Miami Photo Studio

Miami's first photo studio was operated by Miami Pioneer Fred Hand, who arrived in the city on July 4th, 1898. He was born in Bonn, Germany and came to the United States when he was 15.

Hand's Photographic Studio was first located on Avenue C before moving to 36 East Flagler Street.

Mr. Hand was described as "an artist of marked ability whose professional work has won distinctive recognition from the fellow members of the craft as well as the laity, and he enjoys the patronage of a discriminating clientele."

Fred had a life-long love of photography that began as a boy in Tampa. He moved to Ocala where he began his photography career in earnest in 1888 under the tutelage of an able and skilled professional for a period of three years, before moving to Titusville in 1891 where he became an active partner in a thriving studio. Three years later he relocated to West Palm Beach, where he conducted an independent studio for four years.



*Fred Hand*

In 1910, Fred traveled through Europe taking photos for five months.

Fred Hand was married, December 29, 1891, to Olive Williams, daughter of Russell M. and Anna E. (McIntire) Williams, both of whom were natives of the State of Kentucky, where Mrs. Hand was also born.

The Hands were active members of the Trinity Episcopal church in Miami.



*Hand's Photographic Studio on Avenue C*



*Hand's Photographic Studio on East Flagler*

Fred and Olive had two children: Russell Frederick Hand, engaged in the insurance business in Miami, and Gretchen, wife of Paul Smith, a chemist of Indianapolis, Indiana. Gretchen had one son, Linton Frederick Smith, born on April 8, 1919 who died in March, 2011. Linton had two children, Martha Lou Smith Stevenson and her sister, Ann Louise Smith Demertzis.

A popular setup in the photo studio — a stuffed alligator with a scenic background — was often used to suggest the context of the wild Everglades.



*Special thanks to Martha Lou Smith Stevenson for donating many of Fred Hand's original photographic negatives and personal items to the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade archives.*